

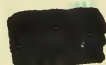


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# Report of the Library Committee.

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*June 25th, 1895.*

The Committee, in presenting their Second Annual Report, have much pleasure in stating that the work of the Library during the year has been most eminently satisfactory.

That the Public appreciate the Institution is evidenced by the largely increased issue of books.

The phenomenal success of the Library during the short period it has been open, encourages the Committee to hope that when the present Offices of the Council are handed over to them, they may be enabled to still further extend the Library's sphere of usefulness.

The whole of the work of the Library is so exhaustively dealt with in the Librarian's Report, that it leaves no matter to which it is necessary for the Committee to make special reference.

We have to record our appreciation of the services rendered by the Librarian, Mr. Moon, and his Assistants, the popularity of the Institution being greatly due to their courtesy and attention to the borrowers.

The Committee desire to thank those who have presented books to the Library, but they think there are many in the district who could lend a helping hand to make the Library equal to any in Suburban London.

M. CHAPMAN,

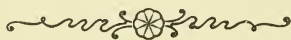
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*Leyton Public Library.*



Librarian's Second Annual Report.



*To the Chairman and Members of the Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith, for your consideration, my Second Annual Report.

The additions to the Library during the year have been 1,752 volumes, and 56 pamphlets, so that the total number of books now in the Library is 8,817 volumes, and 56 pamphlets; 7,954 volumes of which have been purchased at a cost of £1124 3s. 1d. 863 Volumes and 56 pamphlets of the estimated value of £295 9s. 8d. have been presented.

The purchase of additional books still engrosses the most earnest thought, care, and attention of the Committee. The duty devolves upon them to provide literary matter—not for any particular class,—but for minds of varying calibre and purposes. With many, light reading is the main object; with others, a particular line of thought or study; while there are many who use the Library for reference purposes, to verify an idea, to confirm or search for scientific or historic facts. Each of these classes of readers are, in their own sphere, in search of knowledge, developing the power of observation, and elevating the mind from the dull routine of every-day existence.

There have been no adventitious aids to success. The Committee are not able to report any “munificent donations.” The success of the Library must therefore be attributable to the complete manner in which it has met the demand for books suitable for all classes of readers.

This enables me to record the fact that our issues exceed that of any other institution having a similar income. There is a pardonable pride in pointing to this fact, and such a record must be gratifying to the Committee, the Council, and also to the Ratepayers.

The records of results are tabulated in six divisions :

Table I. is a record of the total number of books issued from each class. The aggregate number issued being 120,731, an average of 494.7 issued on each day the Library was open. It also shows that 15,468 volumes were issued in excess of the preceding year.

This table is a most interesting exhibit, as it shows at a glance the quality as well as the quantity of the literary demand. It indicates the large numbers who must have benefited in the mere effort to digest such a mass of mental pabulum.

The tabular statement is of still further interest as showing the issues from each of the principal divisions. This, if analysed or again subdivided, would develop much food for reflection.

Want of time has, however, prevented this from being carried out, but a few examples, may be cited as illustrating the light that would be thrown upon the work, if the analysis were fully carried out. Of the whole number of books issued there were 68 volumes on Acoustics, 159 on Anthropology, 103 on Archæology, 312 on Physiology, 263 on Biology, and 25 on Psychology.

Next to Fiction, works on Electricity and Music are in the greatest demand. This of itself is a most healthy sign, for the study of music is elevating, inspiring and refining ; whilst the study of an abstract subject like electricity indicates a desire to investigate this wonderful agent, of which Scientists tell us we have as yet simply touched the fringe of its capabilities and that the possibility of further development of its utility in the service of man may at any time still further astonish the world.

1,086 New borrowers have been enrolled during the year, of these 478 were men, 354 women, 135 boys, and 119 girls.

Their occupations are given in Table III., except that in 424 cases the parties did not specify the nature of their occupation on the application form.

Table IV. shows their ages.

Table V. shows that 168 borrowers have, during the year, given up the use of the Library. Of this number 145 have entirely left the district. It may be noted in this connexion that leaving the district and change of residence are matters of detail requiring constant care and watchfulness.

The losses during the year have been 42 volumes, 36 volumes of which have been paid for by the borrowers concerned, so that the actual loss has been six volumes, of the value of 12s. 6d. This includes the case reported in May, where both borrower and guarantor had left the district, and their whereabouts was, and is, still unknown.

195 Works have been presented to the Library, full particulars of which are given on page 13 of this report. The most important being the "Henry Irving" edition of Shakespeare's Works, presented by SIR HENRY IRVING.

The donation of books might be largely extended if a little more practical interest was taken in, and thoughtfulness bestowed upon the Library. I may be allowed to suggest that anyone having surplus copies or volumes they have read, and feel they can spare, should hand them over to the Library. In doing this, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that an individual act contributes to the benefit of the greatest number.

I am able to report a continued interest in the work on the part of the Library Assistants. This is a source of satisfaction, as it is a means whereby the success of the Library is assured.

The local Press are always ready and willing to give us their assistance by inserting items of interest relating to the Library, for which they have my best thanks.

I am under obligations to the Clerk and the Officials in his Department, who are always willing to place before me any information required.

My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the Chairman and every Member of the Committee for the very cordial way they have always met my efforts, and the kindness and consideration I have received from them.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

*June 25th, 1895.*

**TABLE I.**  
**RETURN OF ISSUES WITH MONTHLY TOTALS AND DAILY AVERAGES.**

Date.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso- phy.	Science and Art.	Law Politics & Social Economy.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	Bio- graphy, History, etc.	Juvenile Literature	Miscell- aneous Litera- ture.	Total.	Daily Average.
June, 1894	10*	10	59	5	2899	19	159	679	18	3848	304.8
July, "	22	29	144	3	6561	54	444	1638	32	8905	404.7
August, "	21	44	132	3	7344	47	396	1895	36	9897	471.2
September, "	21	55	258	15	7634	50	510	1905	51	10478	498.9
October, "	22	57	457	19	7977	76	637	1968	96	11287	513.04
November, "	22	53	452	16	8539	75	623	2013	115	11886	540.2
December, "	21	49	412	18	7447	55	473	1875	111	10440	497.1
January, 1895	22	80	421	9	7948	82	518	1877	123	11058	502.6
February, "	20	80	382	14	7705	64	494	1772	96	10607	530.35
March, "	22	69	535	20	8953	66	571	2011	116	12341	560.9
April, "	19	80	418	13	7607	43	449	1839	114	10563	555.9
May, "	22	73	397	8	6812	28	343	1673	87	9421	428.2
	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	995	120731	494.7
1893-94	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	302	105263	414.4

\* Closed for Stocktaking.

TABLE II.

PERCENTAGE OF ISSUES.

	1893-4.	1894-5.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	0.30 ...	... 0.56
Science and Art ... ..	1.06 ...	... 3.36
Law, Politics, and Political Economy ... ..	0.05 ...	... 0.11
Prose Fiction ... ..	72.78 ...	... 72.41
Poetry, Drama, and Classics ... ..	0.71 ...	... 0.54
History, Voyages and Travels ... ..	5.57 ...	... 4.65
Juvenile Literature ... ..	19.22 ...	... 17.51
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	0.28 ...	... 0.82

TABLE III.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS, 1894-5.

CLASSIFICATION.	NUMBER.
Accountants ... ..	7
Agents ... ..	13
Apprentices ... ..	4
Architects and Surveyors ... ..	9
Bakers and Confectioners ... ..	4
Barmaids and Waitresses ... ..	2
Bookbinders ... ..	2
Booksellers and Stationers ... ..	4
Boot and Shoe Makers ... ..	4
Bricklayers ... ..	2
Brushmakers ... ..	2
Builders and Contractors ... ..	9
Butchers ... ..	4
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters and Joiners ... ..	16
Caretakers ... ..	3
Carmen ... ..	3
Chemists ... ..	4
Clergy and Ministers ... ..	5
Clerks ... ..	208
Commercial Travellers ... ..	17
Customs and Board of Trade Officials ... ..	8

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS, 1894-5—*continued.*

CLASSIFICATION.	NUMBER.
Dairyman ... ..	1
Doctors and Surgeons ... ..	4
Domestic Servants ... ..	7
Drapers ... ..	10
Engineers, &c. ... ..	25
Fruiterers ... ..	4
Gardeners ... ..	2
Grocers and Tea Dealers ... ..	6
Hair Dressers ... ..	2
Journalists ... ..	4
Labourer ... ..	1
Licensed Victualler ... ..	1
Machinists ... ..	8
Merchants and Manufacturers ... ..	16
Messengers ... ..	8
Milliners and Dressmakers... ..	14
Musicians ... ..	6
Painters and Decorators ... ..	12
Police Officers ... ..	9
Postmen, Postal Clerks, &c... ..	4
Printers and Compositors ... ..	18
Railway Officials . . . . .	6
Scholars and Students ... ..	29
School Masters, Mistresses, &c. ... ..	76
Seamen ... ..	4
Stock and Ship Brokers ... ..	2
Shop Assistants ... ..	25
Tailors and Outfitters ... ..	10
Tobacconist ... ..	1
Warehousemen ... ..	12
Watchmakers and Jewellers ... ..	5
Occupations not specified ... ..	424
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TABLE IV.

AGES OF BORROWERS ENROLLED DURING THE YEAR.

Under 18 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	254
From 18 years to 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	217
„ 25 „ 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	127
„ 30 „ 35	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
„ 35 „ 40	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
„ 40 „ 45	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
„ 45 „ 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
„ 50 „ 60	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
„ 60 „ and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Ages not recorded	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
							1086

TABLE V.

TICKETS WITHDRAWN OR CANCELLED DURING THE  
YEAR WITH REASONS ASSIGNED.

Borrowers left the District	...	...	...	...	145
„ withdrawn, no reason given	...	...	...	...	3
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	9
Guarantors withdrawn	...	...	...	...	2
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	7
„ left the District	...	...	...	...	1
Cancelled by Librarian	...	...	...	...	1
					168
Cards Expired	...	...	...	...	63
					231

TABLE VI.

Days the Library was open	...	...	...	...	244
Books issued...	...	...	...	...	120,263
Average daily issue...	...	...	...	...	494.7
Largest " " April 11th	...	...	...	...	876
Smallest " " June 22nd	...	...	...	...	227
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	...	10,021.9
Largest " " March	...	...	...	...	12,341
Smallest " " July	...	...	...	...	8,905
Number of Volumes in the Library, May 31st, 1894	...	...	...	...	7,065
Added by Purchase	...	...	...	1,557	
" " Gift	...	...	...	195	
				1754	
Pamphlets presented	...	...	...	56	
Net Increase...	...	...	...	...	1,808
Total...	...	...	...	...	8,873
Books lost and paid for	...	...	...	...	35
" " and not paid for...	...	...	...	...	6
" worn out	...	...	...	...	26
Notices posted for overdue Books...	...	...	...	...	783
Borrowers on register, May 31st, 1894	...	...	...	...	2,961
" registered during the year	...	...	...	...	1,086
					4047
Borrowers' Cards, cancelled and expired...	...	...	...	...	231
Total Number of Borrowers on Register	...	...	...	...	3,816

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1894-5.

	VOLS.	PAMPHLETS.
Anderson, Anderson & Co., Messrs. Fenchurch St., E.C.	1	
Anglo-Armenian Association	...	2
Anonymous	...	5
Archer, Mrs., Leyton	...	6
Bell, Mr. W. ( <i>The Author</i> )	...	1

Board of Trade ... ..	5	
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, U.S.A. ...	1	
Briscoe, Mr. J. P., Public Library, Nottingham ...	1	
Browne, Mr. T. B., Queen Victoria St., E.C. ...	1	
Bumpus, Messrs. J. & E., Oxford St., W. ...	2	
Clay & Sons, Bread St. Hill, E.C. ... ..	7	
Conservative Central Association ... ..	1	I
Elliott, Mr. S., Leyton ... ..	4	
George & Son, Whitechapel ... ..	10	
Gray, Miss A. ( <i>The Author</i> ) ... ..	1	
„ Mr. W. R. ... ..	1	
Great Eastern Railway Co. ... ..	3	
Gristwood, Miss, Leyton ... ..	10	
Harrison, Mr. Councillor ... ..	2	
H. M. Stationery Office ... ..	6	50
Hutchison, Miss, Leytonstone ... ..	8	
Irving, Sir Henry, Lyceum Theatre ... ..	8	
Lash, Mr. J. A., Leyton ... ..	4	
Levick, Mrs. „ ... ..	1	

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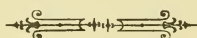
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Hammersmith									
Hove									
Leicester									
Loughborough									
New Zealand—Auckland									
Nottingham									
Plymouth									
St. Helens									
St. Martin's in the Fields									
Shoreditch									
Southwark (Christ Church)									
Stoke Newington									
Walthamstow									
West Ham									
Wigan									
Yarmouth (Great)									
London—Corporation of the City of London	...							6	
Martin, Mrs. Victoria, Woodhull	...	...						1	
Maxwell, Mr. W. ( <i>The Author</i> ) Town Hall, Leyton								1	
Midland Railway Co.	...	...	...	...				2	
Miller, Mrs., Leyton	...	...	...	...				5	
Moon, Mr. Z., Public Library, Leyton	...	...	...	...				5	
North British Railway Co.	...	...	...	...				2	
Perry, Mr. J. H., Leyton	...	...	...	...				8	
Platt, Messrs., St. Martin's Lane	...	...	...	...				1	
Pryke, Mr., Leyton	...	...	...	...				5	
Redgrave, Mrs., Kensington	...	...	...	...				1	
Reid-Seton, Miss, Leyton	...	...	...	...				54	
Robson, Mr. W.	...	...	...	...				1	
Sell, Mr. H., Fleet Street, E.C.	...	...	...	...				1	
Stott, Mr. J., Leyton	...	...	...	...				1	
Thompson, Messrs., High Holborn	...	...	...	...				1	
Vivisection. Anti-Vivisection Society	...	...	...	...				0	2
Voysey, Rev. C., St. James's, S.W.	...	...	...	...				6	
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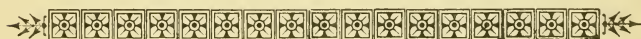


*I give and bequeath to the Leyton Urban District Council, in the County of Essex, out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated for the purpose, the sum of*

*.....*  
*free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the said Council, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.*

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*Donations may be notified to the Librarian, Public Library, Leyton, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.*



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# Report of the Library Committee.

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*July 23rd, 1896.*

In presenting their Third Annual Report of the work of the Library the Committee feel that although the issue of books has not been so large as in the preceding year, the work done has been the utmost that could have been accomplished under the circumstances.

The space available for library purposes having been filled up many months since, the Committee have been unable to put into circulation some thousands of books purchased by, and presented to them during the year, hence, the borrowers have not been able to find on the shelves works of the most recent date suitable to their requirements. It is hoped, however, that before the end of the present year the necessary alterations of the building will be carried out, whereby the space for the Lending Library will be increased to such an extent as to provide more than sufficient room for the ten thousand books in this department; a Reference Library formed, and the long-looked for Reading Room opened.

The Committee desire to point out that the cost of the building and the alterations thereto, with the maintenance of the Library will be such a strain upon the income at their disposal that it is feared that unless assistance is obtained from other sources than the rate, it will be impossible to extend the usefulness of the movement for a considerable time to come; therefore, whilst thanking those who have already rendered assistance, we strongly appeal to the public for further help to carry on the work so much appreciated by the residents in the district.

We again desire to record our appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Moon, the Librarian, and his assistants, much of the success of the Library being due to the satisfactory manner in which their duties have been performed.

MARK CHAPMAN,

*Chairman of the Committee.*



# Lepton Public Library.

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## LIBRARIAN'S THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Third Annual Report.

The Library now contains 12,239 volumes and 60 pamphlets, the additions for the year being 3,422 volumes and 4 pamphlets; of this increase, 3,204 volumes have been purchased, and 218 volumes and 4 pamphlets have been generously presented by various donors.

The records are tabulated in seven divisions:

Table I. shows the number of books in each class of literature.

This table is a sure indication that in the selection and purchase of books, the Committee have had in mind that the work and mission of a public library is essentially one of educational extension, and that the development and culture of the mental and moral forces in the inhabitants of the district should be the one aim and object of the institution.

Table II. is a record of the total number of books issued from each class, the aggregate number being 107,952; an average of 440.62 issued on each day the Library was open. It also shows that 333,946 volumes have been issued since the opening of the Library.

The function of the Library should be to satisfy the ever-increasing thirst for knowledge, but during the past year, I regret to say, this has been considerably retarded owing to the narrow boundaries within which it is domiciled, for although the issues for the year show an increase of 2,689 volumes over 1893-4, they show a decrease of 12,779 as compared with 1894-5.

Though this decrease is very regrettable, it is not surprising when it is remembered that owing to want of space it has been impossible to put a single new book into circulation since June, 1895. Indeed the above figures reveal a highly creditable estimate of the value and usefulness of the Library.

A library needs constant feeding if it is to fulfil its mission in *any* district, for when it becomes impossible to recuperate its energies, public interest must of necessity wane. This emphasises, not only our need for enlarged premises, but also for keeping our stock of books up to date.

When one considers that during the three years the Library has been open, 333,946 books have been circulated among the inhabitants of this great parish, one is almost lead to ask how they managed to exist before the advent of a Library. This question becomes more pertinent when it is remembered that of this enormous issue nearly 100,000 books have been purely non-fictional works, many of them books of the most profound nature, the fruits of great industry, learning and research, which have been written and directed by teachers of no ordinary talent, but by some of the most eminent thinkers both of the present and the past; whose works cover wide fields of investigation, reproducing and illustrating the recondite, profound, and less-explored paths of wisdom.

Such books must of necessity stimulate the intellect, purify the taste, and altogether brighten and elevate the minds of those who read them.

But even works of fiction have, by high authority, a special educational attribute. Not only are many fictitious works of great literary value, but the aim of most novels is to teach some valuable lesson. The delineation of character, and the development of a plot, of necessity calls forth the powers of observation, trains and elevates the mind, gives relief from heavier studies, rest from the worries and anxieties of business life, and spreads an elevating and refining influence over the spirits of those who are refreshed thereby.

It will be noticed that no fewer than 58,861 books have been issued from the juvenile section. This is the more satisfactory as this section is not a mere collection of stories of adventure, but it includes books (specially written for the young) dealing with nearly every branch of human knowledge: Science, History, and Travels, and the Biographies of men whose lives are as beacon lights to the minds of the on-coming generation.

Introspection of the work already accomplished, leads one to anticipate. Happily our enlarged and permanent Library home will soon be an accomplished fact, and the Committee thus enabled to open wider the doors of knowledge, and extend their operations in every direction.

In the near future the much desired Reference Library and Reading Room will take their places among the things that are. In the former, readers will have access to the works specially reserved for that department. Necessarily these works are of a different character, and of a greater value than those in general circulation, and it is hoped that these literary treasures will be the means of developing in a very high degree, the mental powers of those who use them. In the latter, will be found newspapers, reviews, and other material for periodically following the events of the world's thought, history and evolution.

During the year 1,943 new borrowers have been enrolled. Of these 701 were men, 769 women, 268 boys, and 205 girls. Their ages and occupations are given in tables IV. and V.

Table VII. gives a lucid summary of the whole work of the Library, and is interesting as showing the scope and the operations of this popular and useful institution. A mere glance at this table should convince the most sceptical, that in any neighbourhood, a public library is a far-reaching and powerful agent for spreading mental and moral light.

It is a great pleasure to record that the literary wealth of the Library has been considerably augmented by gifts of books, 45 volumes of which were presented by Mr. Councillor CHAPMAN, the Chairman of this Committee. As an indication of their value and usefulness, I may mention that they include 1 volume on Anthropology, 1 volume Astronomy, 2 volumes Bibliography, 4 volumes Botany, 4 volumes Chemistry, 2 volumes Geology, 4 volumes Natural Philosophy, 5 volumes Philosophy, 2 volumes Psychology, 2 volumes Poetry, 4 volumes Zoology, &c.

Another most acceptable gift was that of 68 volumes presented by the Rev. JOHN KENNEDY, Vicar of St. Catherine's.

Particulars of other donations will be found on page 17.

While I am more than grateful for these very valuable additions to the Library, and desire to record my gratitude to the generous donors, I yet feel constrained to appeal to those who have the means, and especially those resident in this populous and rapidly increasing district, to assist the Library with that which their generosity may prompt them in this matter.

I sincerely hope that the opening of our enlarged habitation will be made the occasion of generous efforts to fill the shelves to their utmost capacity. Not only would this be a great encouragement to the Committee, and a beneficency to all who may use the Library; but books so presented would be lasting memorials of the donors' generosity.

I might add, that books now presented, will be included in the Catalogue which is in preparation, and which the Committee hope to issue coincident with the opening of the permanent Library. This Catalogue will include all the books in the Lending Department, and being arranged in alphabetical sequence, under author, title and subject, it is hoped that it will serve as an index, guiding the reader to every book on any subject of study or research.

In their desire to make the Library a success, the assistants have worked unintermittently, and it is with no ordinary amount of satisfaction that I am able to assure their sustained interest in the work of the institution.

I again desire to thank the editors of our local newspapers for the kind assistance they have given by inserting paragraphs and items of interest connected with the Library.

I am deeply indebted, and desire to record my thanks, to Mr. VINCENT and the officials of his department, for much valuable information and help which they have rendered me.

In conclusion, I very earnestly tender my thanks to the Chairman and each member of the Committee, for the kind and cordial manner in which they have seconded my efforts in promoting the welfare of the institution.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

*July 23rd, 1896.*



**TABLE II.**  
RETURN OF ISSUES WITH MONTHLY TOTALS AND DAILY AVERAGES.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso- phy.	Science and Art.	Sociology	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	Biography, History, &c.	Juvenile Literature.	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Total.	Daily Average.
June 1895	10*	34	164	1	2889	14	113	615	23	3853	385.3
July "	22	59	276	17	6512	41	303	1475	87	8770	398.6
August "	22	37	326	18	6920	42	306	1543	111	9303	422.86
September "	21	40	337	14	7015	52	356	1473	142	9429	449
October "	22	49	461	19	7069	50	398	1527	329	9902	450.09
November "	22	59	420	29	7070	60	461	1520	369	9988	454
December "	21	52	375	18	6344	43	418	1542	326	9118	434.19
January 1896	22	49	368	24	7062	46	431	1616	366	9962	452.8
February "	21	70	400	21	7139	41	435	1607	318	10031	477.67
March "	22	56	376	19	7023	37	414	1726	298	9949	452.22
April "	19	60	321	16	6535	35	303	1511	303	9084	478.105
May "	21	35	329	19	6244	29	315	1324	268	8563	407.7
	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	2940	107952	440.62
1894 ...	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	995	120731	494.7
1893 ...	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	302	105263	414.4

\* Library closed for stocktaking.

TABLE III.

PERCENTAGE OF ISSUES.

	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	0.30	0.56	0.55
Science and Art ... ..	1.06	3.36	3.84
Sociology ... ..	0.05	0.11	0.19
Prose Fiction ... ..	72.78	72.41	72.074
Poetry, Drama, and Classics ...	0.71	0.54	0.46
History, Voyages and Travels ...	5.57	4.65	3.93
Juvenile Literature ... ..	19.22	17.51	16.18
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	0.28	0.82	2.72

TABLE IV.

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS, 1895-96.

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER.
Accountants ... ..	9
Agents ... ..	18
Apprentices ... ..	7
Architects and Surveyors ... ..	4
Artists ... ..	2
Auctioneers ... ..	3
Authoress ... ..	1
Bakers and Confectioners ... ..	4
Barmaids, Waiters, and Waitresses ... ..	4
Bookseller ... ..	1
Boot and Shoemakers ... ..	3
Brushmaker ... ..	1
Builders and Contractors ... ..	11
Butchers ... ..	4
Cab Proprietor ... ..	1
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners ... ..	30
Caretakers ... ..	12
Chemists ... ..	4
Clergy and Ministers ... ..	2

CLASSIFICATION.								NUMBER.
Clerks ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320
Coachmakers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Coal Merchant ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Commercial Travellers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Companion ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Customs and Board of Trade Officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Dairymen and Farmers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Doctors and Surgeons ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Domestic Servants ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drapers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Engineers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Engravers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Fruiterer and Greengrocer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Furriers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gardeners ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Grocers and Tea Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Hair Dressers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Journalists ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Labourers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Machinists ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Managers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Married Women(so specified)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	291
Merchants and Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Messengers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Milliners and Dressmakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Musicians ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Nurses ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Painters and Decorators	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Photographers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Plumbers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Police Officers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Postmen, Postal Clerks, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Printers and Compositors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Publisher (Fine Art) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Railway Officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Saddlers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Scholars and Students ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Sanitary Inspector ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
School Board Officer ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158
Scientist ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Seamen ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Shopkeepers and Assistants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18

Tailors and Outfitters ... ..	21
Warehousemen ... ..	28
Watchmakers and Jewellers ... ..	6
Water Works Inspector ... ..	1
Weaver ... ..	1
Occupations not specified ... ..	626
Total	1943

TABLE V.

AGES OF BORROWERS ENROLLED DURING  
THE YEAR.

Under 18 years ... ..	385
From 18 years to 25 years .. ..	423
„ 25 „ 30 „ .. ..	235
„ 30 „ 35 „ .. ..	162
„ 35 „ 40 „ .. ..	147
„ 40 „ 45 „ .. ..	72
„ 45 „ 50 „ .. ..	51
„ 50 „ 60 „ .. ..	64
„ 60 „ and upwards .. ..	40
Ages not recorded ... ..	364
	1943

TABLE VI.

TICKETS WITHDRAWN OR CANCELLED DURING  
THE YEAR, WITH REASONS ASSIGNED.

Borrowers left the District ... ..	138
„ withdrawn, no reason given ... ..	1
„ deceased ... ..	4
Guarantors withdrawn ... ..	2
Cancelled by Librarian ... ..	3
	148
Cards expired ... ..	1534
	1682

TABLE VII.

Days the Library was open	...	...	...	...	245
Books issued	...	...	...	...	107,952
Average daily issue	...	...	...	...	440.62
Largest „ „ June 17th	...	...	...	...	833
Smallest „ „ June 18th	...	...	...	...	238
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	...	8,996
Largest „ „ February	...	...	...	...	10,031
Smallest „ „ May	...	...	...	...	8,563
Number of Volumes in Library, May 31st, 1895	...	...	...	...	8,873
„ „ added by Purchase	...	...	...	3204	
„ „ added by Gift	...	...	...	218	
Pamphlets presented	...	...	...	...	4
Net Increase	...	...	...	...	3426
					Total 12299
Books lost and paid for	...	...	...	...	18
„ worn out	...	...	...	...	194
Notices posted for overdue Books	...	...	...	...	744
Borrowers on register, May 31st, 1895	...	...	...	...	3816
„ registered during the year	...	...	...	...	1943
Borrowers' Cards, cancelled and expired	...	...	...	...	5759
	...	...	...	...	1682
Total number of Borrowers on register	...	...	...	...	4077

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1895-6.

VOLS. PAMPHLETS.

" Andom, R." ( <i>the Author</i> )	...	...	...	2
Aslanoglon, Mr. P. L., Leyton	...	...	...	13
Atkins, Mr. Councillor	...	...	...	1
Bates, Mr. W. S., Barnet	..	...	...	1
Board of Trade	...	...	...	10
Bradlee, Rev. C. B., Boston, U.S.A.	...	...	...	1
Bristol University College	..	...	...	1
British Museum	...	...	...	2

Browne, Mr. T. B., Queen Victoria Street, E.C.	2
Cadbury & Co., Birmingham	1
Caine, Rev. C. ( <i>the Author</i> )	2
Chapman, Mr. Councillor, Leytonstone	45
Cook and Sons	4
Donald Currie & Co.	1
Durham University	1
Great Eastern Railway Co.	1
Hutchinson, Miss, Leytonstone	26
Institute of Jamaica	1
Jarman, Miss, Leyton	1
Kennedy, Rev. J., Leytonstone	68
Lash, Mr. J. A., Leyton	3
Liberal Publication Department	3
London, Corporation of the City of	2
Lupton, Mrs., Leyton	3
Mather & Crowther, New Bridge Street	1
Miller, Mrs., Leyton	26
New South Wales, Agent-General for	2
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Ontario, Agent-General for	1
Pryke, Mr. A. E., Leyton	1

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Leamington				
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Stoke Newington				
West Ham				
Wigan				
Willesden				
Yarmouth				
Sampson. Low & Co. ...	...	...	...	2
Sell, Mr. Henry, Fleet Street...	...	...	...	1
Simonds, Mr. Councillor, Leytonstone	...	...	...	5
Stock, Mr. Eliot, Paternoster Row ...	...	...	...	1
Technical Laboratories, Chelmsford	...	...	...	1
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*I give and bequeath to the Leyton Urban District Council, in the County of Essex, out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated for the purpose, the sum of*

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*Donations may be notified to the Librarian, Public Library, Leyton, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.*



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# Report of the Library Committee.

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The Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Report on the fifth year's work of the Leyton Public Library.

From the date of its inception the Library has been a continual and an increasing success, and year by year it has been the pleasing duty of the Committee to report progress. The year that has just closed has not only maintained this record, but has proved to be the most successful in the history of the Library.

As will be seen from the Librarian's Report, 174,404 books have been issued, being an increase of 53,673. Satisfactory as this appears, it is even more important when we remember that the percentage of works of fiction has decreased by about 15%.

A special feature to which the Committee desire to call attention is the throwing open of the Library to the children of the district, and in this connection the Committee also desire to record its deep appreciation of the efforts of the Librarian to create a love of books by delivering lectures on books and reading to parties of children from the schools.

The Committee recognise with satisfaction the growing appreciation of the Library, and have done their best to respond to the unusually large and increasing demand of the readers. The sole aim of the Committee has been, as far as funds would permit, to bring within the reach of every inhabitant of the district, the best literature of the day. Having this in mind, and knowing the difficulties of adequately providing for the growing needs of the Library, and the desirability of further extension in other parts of the district, your Committee feel compelled to express their regret and disappointment that Mr. Hills' most excellent suggestion that the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen should be celebrated in Leyton by the extension of the Library movement, was rejected in favour of a much less important scheme. The Committee gratefully recognise the fact that every member of the Council was strongly in favour of the plan suggested by Mr. Hills, and they are assured that had it been adopted a very large sum of money could have been raised for the establishment of branch Libraries; indeed, it may be mentioned, that on the evening of the opening of the permanent Library building, a much larger sum was promised for the Library scheme, than it has been possible to raise for the project finally adopted. Unfortunately the action of the majority of the ratepayers present at the Town's Meeting to consider the form which the public celebration should take, has prevented, it is feared, for many years to come, the establishment of branch Libraries. Subsequent events have proved the unwisdom of a public meeting adopting any unconsidered or haphazard suggestion.

This being the first report issued since the opening of the Library in its permanent home, your Committee wish to place on record their indebtedness to Mr. Hills for the courteous manner in which he acceded to their request that he should open the building, and also for the most eloquent and instructive address he gave upon that occasion.

By the kindness of the Editor of the "Leyton Independent," your Committee have included in this report an epitome of Mr. Hills' speech, together with other particulars of the opening ceremony, that appeared in that paper.

Among other gentlemen who so kindly assisted on that occasion, the thanks of your Committee are especially due to Mr. Louis Sinclair, M.P., Mr. Andrew Johnston, J.P., Chairman of the Essex County Council, Mr. W. W. Glenny, J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Essex County Council, and the Vicar (The Rev. W. T. H. Wilson).

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the assistance given by ratepayers in offering suggestions as to books and other matters connected with the Library, and trust that those for whom the Library exists will continue to offer any suggestion that may occur to them.

In conclusion, the Committee again desire to record its thanks to Mr. Moon, the Librarian, and the staff for the work done by them during the past year, which has resulted in placing the Leyton Library in the forefront in this great educational work.

THOMAS TILEY,  
*Chairman.*

# LEYTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## Librarian's Annual Report.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,—

At the end of each year it is customary, indeed, it is a matter of prudence, to review the work of the past twelve months. I therefore beg to submit the Fifth Annual retrospect of the work and progress of the Public Library.

The year 1897, unique as it was in our national history, will be remembered in this district as the most eventful in the annals of the Public Library.

Among the happy events which have signalized the Library year, certainly the most important was the opening of the new and enlarged Library, the opening ceremony being performed by Mr. A. F. Hills, who not only gave us a most eloquent and stimulating address, but also wisely suggested that the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen should be celebrated in Leyton by raising funds for the further extension of the Library movement within the district.

When we remember the triumphant and onward trend of all educational matters during the last fifty years, and the vast spread of knowledge in general, and that Public Libraries in particular are peculiarly Victorian institutions, we cannot but greatly regret that the suggestion above alluded to, was rejected in favour of a scheme of a less permanent character, and that the parishioners lost an opportunity of helping themselves and of being helped.

It seems but fitting that an account of the proceedings at the opening of the Library should be embodied in this Report, and, for that reason, my remarks will be as brief as possible.

Without going into details, I may however, mention that the alterations and arrangements carried out under the direction of the Works Committee (the structural alterations being supervised by Mr. Dawson, the Surveyor to the Council, and the installation of the Electric Light superintended by the Council's Engineer, Mr.

Bishop) have given the utmost satisfaction to all the readers, and called forth the commendation of visitors from all parts of the Kingdom.

The comfort and convenience of the readers has been considered, and every facility is now afforded them, either for reading the current literature provided in the Reading Room, or studying the more recondite and profound subjects in the Reference Library. Not less have the arrangements for borrowers been improved, the roomy and well lighted vestibule greatly adding to the comfort of the large numbers who frequent the Library.

Moreover, every department has been brought into communication one with the other, thus rendering the whole more easily and less expensively supervised.

Among the other events of the year, reference should next be made to what has been done for the young. The opening of the Reading Room and the Library to the children of the district has proved a great boon, and one of which they have very largely availed themselves. In connection with this, I may add, that during the last three months, 254 school children in nine groups have attended the Library for instruction in the history, value, and uses of books. On each occasion your Librarian has delivered a lecture on authors, books, reading, or some other bibliographical matter; special books have been exhibited, and their history and importance explained.

In this way the children are brought into familiar contact with the Library, and given help and guidance in the use thereof. That this departure has been satisfactory is proved by the results. Not only do the children eagerly seek after and obtain for their reading the books suggested, but the presence of the books in their homes has been the means of adding considerably to our adult *clientèle*.

I now turn to the statistical records, which, as in previous years, are arranged in a series of tables. These tables are, in fact, the inventory in which is clearly set forth particulars of the stock, the machinery, and the work of the Library.

Table I. shows the number of books in each division of the Library, the total number being 13,405, an increase of 1,106 during the year.

Table II. is worthy of attention as illustrating the varying circulations of the different classes of books, and interesting also, as indicating the large increase in the issues since the opening of the enlarged Library. Especially has the circulation of philosophical, scientific, historical, and juvenile works increased. Various reasons may be assigned for this: the special arrangement and classification in the Catalogue, the preparation and exhibition of chronological indices, special lists on particular subjects and current events; all of which without doubt have contributed very largely to the better use of the Library. But beyond all this, there is the evidence that the borrowers as a whole are aiming at something better, something of real value, and something which will be of permanent benefit to them.

The largely increased demand for juvenile literature is due to the fact that children are now admitted without any age-restriction to the benefits of the Library.

The wisdom of this alteration is fully justified by the results, for there is no more encouraging feature of the work than the use which is made of the Library by the children. The class of books they borrow shows, too, that the majority of them are carefully guided by maturer tastes in the selections they make.

To familiarize children with books and book-writers is in itself of inestimable worth; but to accustom them to the use of books, to foster the habit of reading, whether for wholesome pleasure or a sterner object, creates in them, while impressionable and absorptive, a taste for knowledge that cannot fail to benefit them through life.

As a further indication of the growing usefulness of the Library, a few comparative figures may be quoted with regard to the books issued:—

	Jan. 1st to Dec. 31, 1896.	April 1st, 1897 to March 31st, 1898.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	506 vols.	1866 vols.
Science and Art ... ..	3165 „	9768 „
Sociology ... ..	160 „	806 „
Poetry and Classics ... ..	311 „	833 „

The total issues for the year have been 174,404, an increase of 53,673 over any year in the history of the Library. Such figures need no comment; indeed, no words could so eloquently portray the increasing usefulness of the institution.

Tables III., IV., V., VI., and VII. are self explanatory, being respectively particulars of the percentage of issues; occupations and ages of borrowers; tickets cancelled, and a general summary of the year's work.

The Reading Room has been, and continues to be a great attraction, no fewer than 181,346 readers having visited it since the opening, showing a daily average of 536·52.

Fifteen daily and 28 weekly newspapers, besides 128 monthly and other periodicals, are placed on the tables, 56 weekly and monthly journals, it is pleasing to note, being presented by the Editors or Publishers.

So satisfactory a result certainly augurs well for the success of the branch about to be opened in the Cann Hall Ward.

The names of those who have so generously and so kindly assisted the Library by gifts of books and periodicals will be found on page 20 of this report. But special mention should at once be made of the splendid gift of 65 volumes presented by the Convocation of the Oxford University.

The resignation of the Sub-Librarian has led to some changes and some promotions among the staff, each one of whom has, I am pleased to say, worked loyally and well.

It would ill become me to close without expressing my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Committee for the assistance they have given me, and the consideration they have given to my suggestions. Nor, finally, can I be oblivious of the kindness and courtesy of the local press, which has contributed in no small degree to the extension of the Library's sphere of usefulness.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

March 31st, 1898.

# LEYTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Re-Opening Ceremony.

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*[Extract from "The Leyton Express and Independent."]*

A significant and most gratifying proof of the interest taken in the Public Library movement in the Urban District of Leyton was afforded on Wednesday evening, when a very large audience assembled at the Town Hall to witness the ceremony of opening the Public Library in its new and more worthy home in the old Town Hall. We have already fully described to our readers the character of the alterations which have been made in the old Town Hall to make it suitable for use as a Public Library, and it is unnecessary for us to go over the ground again. We will content ourselves with saying that the work has been admirably carried out in accordance with the plans of Mr. W. Dawson, the accomplished surveyor of the District Council, and that the Library is now one of which the inhabitants of the district may justly feel proud. Before the public proceedings began on Wednesday night, Mr. A. F. Hills and other prominent gentlemen were conducted over the new library, and expressed genuine admiration for everything they saw. At the proceedings in the Town Hall Councillor Mark Chapman, the Chairman of the Library Committee, presided, and he was accompanied on the platform by Mr. A. F. Hills, J.P., Mr. Louis Sinclair, M.P., Mr. Andrew Johnston, J.P., Chairman of the Essex County Council, Mr. W. W. Glenny, Vice-Chairman of the Essex County Council, the Rev. W. T. H. Wilson, Vicar of Leyton, Councillor E. Bare, Chairman of the District Council, Councillors C. G. Musgrave (Vice-Chairman), J. Trumble, J. G. Locks, R. Ward, W. Macey, W. Atkins, T. Tiley, H. Tingle, R. Nichols, D. S. Cornish, J. B. Slade, W. Vince, and E. C. Pittam, Mr. E. S. Snell, Chairman of the Wanstead School Board, Mr. J. Withers, Chairman of the West Ham Board of Guardians, Major Poulter, Chairman of the Leyton School Board, Mr. E. J. Davis, L.S.B., Mr. J. Baskett, Mr. R. Vincent, Clerk to the District Council, and Mr. Z. Moon, Librarian. There was also a large number of the general public present.

Whilst the company were assembling, the Technical Institute Orchestral Band, under the conductorship of Mr. T. Bidgood, played several very entertaining selections.

After prayer by the Rev. W. T. H. Wilson, Vicar of Leyton, the CLERK, Mr. R. Vincent, read letters expressing inability to be present from Mr. Justice Byrne, Mr. Sam Woods, M.P., and Sir William Birt.

Mr. E. BARE, J.P., the Chairman of the District Council, then addressed a welcome to Mr. Hills. He said that on behalf of the members of the District Council and also on behalf of the inhabitants of the district, he tendered to Mr. Hills a very hearty welcome. In addition to their friend Mr. Hills, they had the company of their distinguished friends Mr. Andrew Johnston, Mr. Glenney, and Mr. Sinclair, the Member for Romford, all showing that they took an interest in the good work which was going on in that place. (Applause.) To Mr. Hills in particular, their thanks were due for the very kind and courteous manner in which he met the invitation to perform that ceremony. He was sure he need say nothing further to introduce such a worthy gentleman. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN made a most interesting statement regarding the development of the library movement in the district. He said that it was in the spring of 1891 that the first steps were taken for the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts. On October 26th, of the same year, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall to discuss the question, with the result that the Local Board was requested to take a poll of the district, to ascertain the wishes of the ratepayers. On the 23rd of the same month an appeal was made to the ratepayers, with the result that a majority of 1,659 decided in favour of the adoption of the Acts. That decision placed upon the Local Board the duty of putting the Act into force, which it did by making a rate in March, 1892, of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £ for the six months ending September 1892. Having got a little money together by this means it was decided to make a purchase of books, but before doing so it was necessary to appoint a librarian. Mr. Moon was the selected candidate for the post, and the Council had never regretted the appointment. (Applause.) The first purchase of books was made in October 1892, and the Committee then thought the ratepayers should enjoy some of the privileges to which they were entitled by contribution to the Library Fund. They therefore, recommended the Local Board to utilise a committee-room as a temporary lending library, and this room was opened on the 1st of June, 1893, with 5,500 volumes. During the year to June, 1894, 1,565 books were added, 168 presented, and 3,116 borrowers were enrolled. From June, 1894, to June, 1895, 1,752 volumes and 56 pamphlets were added, and 1,086 new borrowers were enrolled. From June, 1895, to June, 1896, 3,426 volumes were added, of which 3,204 were purchased and 222 presented. The stock at that time (June, 1896) was 12,239 volumes, and 56 pamphlets. Since then 334 books had been purchased, and the present stock was 12,563 volumes, divided as follows:—Theology and philosophy, 654; science and art, 1,395; sociology, 296; prose fiction, 3,708; classics, poetry, and drama, 389; biography, history, and travels, 1,926; juvenile literature, 1,313; magazines, 181; miscellaneous literature,

395; total, 10,257; reference library, 2,306; grand total, 12,563 volumes. The number of books issued since the opening of the temporary room was as follows:—Theology and philosophy, 1,836; science and art, 10,715; sociology, 476; prose fiction, 288,051; classics, poetry, and the drama, 2,022; biography, history, and travel, 18,125; juvenile literature, 68,725; miscellaneous literature, including magazines and reviews, 5,421; grand total, 395,371. The library had been open 899 days, and the daily average issue was 430·91. The total number of borrowers enrolled since the opening of the temporary room was 6,927—males 3,662, females 3,265. The proportion of fiction issued to other works was about 65 per cent. There would be in the reading room:—14 daily newspapers, 62 weekly newspapers, 35 monthly magazines and journals, and one quarterly. The lending department has space for 26,000 books, so there was plenty of scope for those willing to present books. (Hear, hear.) Since the library was opened the revenue produced by the rate showed an annual increase of about £45, but this increase was not in the same ratio as the increase of the population, for he found that in 1893 the gross rateable value of the district was £233,280, and the population about 70,000, or about £3 6s. per head, whereas in 1896 the gross rateable value of the district was £269,101, and the population about 90,000, or about £2 19s. per head. Hitherto nothing had been paid for the use of the temporary room, but now about £290 a year would be required for some time to come, to liquidate the debt upon the building, and that must come out of the library rate. The financial position was therefore such that the committee would have great difficulty in extending the usefulness of the library movement for some time to come unless some kind friends came forward and gave them some help in that direction. Personally he should like to see branch libraries established in other parts of the district, because those who lived in the distant parts could not enjoy the privileges of the library like those near at hand. (Applause.)

After a selection of music by the orchestra, the Chairman called upon Mr. A. F. Hills.

Mr. HILLS, who was greeted with loud cheers, said he thanked them very heartily for the cordial way in which they had received the mention of his name, and he also especially thanked the Library Committee of the Council for their courtesy in inviting him to be present on that interesting occasion. Since he had passed through the library and reading room, and into that Council Chamber, seeing the glories of all their municipal possessions, he felt, like the Queen of Sheba, that the half had not been told him. (Laughter.) He saw rising in Leyton a tide of public energy and spirit which would soon be calling aloud for Incorporation. (Applause.) It had fallen to his lot to pay many a pious pilgrimage to shrines of municipal energy in many parts of England, and although he had seen districts which were larger and more attractive in their position, in no part, not even in his own borough of West Ham, had he seen more suitable municipal buildings than those he had had the honour of inspecting

that night. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated the district most heartily on having such buildings at their disposal. He gathered, from the large audience he saw before him, that there was sufficient interest taken in the Library movement in the district to make their new possession a lasting success, and there was no doubt the movement would gather strength and go forward. He was glad this opening was taking place in the record year of a record reign of a record Queen—(applause)—because he thought the keynote of the Victorian era which they were to celebrate with so much pomp and ceremony during this year had been expansion, and as Cecil Rhodes had told them, expansion was the soul of empire. (Applause.) In the history of the last 60 years they found industrial expansion, national expansion, expansion of Empire, and intellectual expansion, brought about very largely by Education Acts. There was no doubt that the great educational development during the last 50 years lay at the root of the Public Libraries Acts, the fruits of which they were gathering there that night. With a wider education and a greater knowledge the tide of life which had been rolling on during the last 60 years, the great tide of national life, was growing wider and deeper and was flowing towards that great ocean of empire, which spread so widely before them—*volvitur et volvetur in omne volubilis oevum*. He was looking forward to the time when the English speaking race would be able to command not only the future, but also the affection of the whole civilised world. If that were so, if under the decrees of Providence that were the destiny of the English speaking race, he was well assured that one of the great pillars of England's future would be her educational strength. (Hear, hear.) What Germany had done for themselves in the world of science, the people of this country were doing for themselves in the world of literature, and he believed there was nothing which could cultivate and refine character and charm away the difficulties of every-day life more successfully than a study of literature. He was very much interested in the figures which the Chairman had given to the meeting, and if he might offer a word of suggestion after many years' experience of libraries, he would say to their librarian and to their selection committee that they need not be afraid at having a large percentage of fiction on the shelves. There used to be a tradition twenty years ago that a library for the public should only contain books which were solid and instructive. That was a delusion which was rapidly passing away. If they wanted bees round their flowers they must have plenty of honey, and if they wanted people to read it was necessary to give them something attractive. There was no better introduction to the world of literature; by works of fiction people learned to love reading, and they would in due course pass on to the higher and deeper branches of literature which the intellectual storehouse lay open to them. Volumes of biography might be looked upon as the step next above fiction. Biographies brought one into personal contact with the great minds of every age. For instance he had recently been charmed with Lord Roberts' "Recollections of Forty-One Years in India," in reading which one seemed to see at once all the difficulties of the English conquest of that great Empire

and a great deal of the wonderful character of the man who told the story. To take another biography which had recently been published, the memoirs of Augustus Hare were most interesting reading. In three volumes there were brought out all the foibles and peculiarities of the man and one was brought into close personal relationship with names which have long been household words. The reading of these books created an educational power which lifted one out of the dull monotonous rut of every-day life and engendered a desire to go still further into the field of literature. He ventured to say that a good library would lead people on and a good librarian even more so—(applause)—to drink deeper of the Pierian spring and learn more of its treasured fruits. They were fortunate in their Chairman of the Library Committee and also in their librarian. There were in the mediæval days a class of men, literary pedlars of the day, who were known as chapmen, and chap-books were thought much of. (Laughter.) Well, they could not have a better selection than a Chapman for their Chairman, and if Mr. Chapman shone as the sun by day, their librarian might be said to shine as the Moon by night. (Renewed laughter.) In a well selected library such as they had, history might be looked upon as being the next easy step in literature, and then one could go on to the more difficult works which contained the evolution of applied science and its many branches. A well selected library always seemed to him like a well dressed garden full of gay flowers and bright fountains, but in which there were shady walks where one could gather the rich fruits of more difficult wisdom. He would advise everybody in that room to make use of the facilities which their new library afforded them. By so doing they would find life better worth living, more gay and delightful, more full of aspirations and high ideals, and Leyton's would then not be one of the least of those libraries which had conferred so great a benefit on the civilised world. (Loud applause.) He had much pleasure in declaring the library open. (Applause.)

Mr. LOUIS SINCLAIR, M.P., proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hills, and said he was sure they recognised in the fact of Mr. Hills coming amongst them that the employer of labour took a deep interest in the working classes generally. (Hear hear.) They saw in his presence that interest which they all admired, and which enabled those working men, who in their young days had not the advantages which belonged to this enlightened age, to avail themselves of the advantages of a library such as they had in Leyton. (Hear, hear.) He sincerely trusted that the people of Leyton would avail themselves of this magnificent library, and that the library would soon attain that maximum of 26,000 volumes of which the Chairman spoke. (Applause.)

Councillor C. G. MUSGRAVE, the Vice-Chairman of the District Council, seconded, and said he also wished to personally thank Mr. Hills for the most instructive address he had given them. (Hear, hear.) Speaking of the library, he said he had been connected with it from the outset, and he was quite sure that nobody in Leyton regretted the rate which was made in its support or thought they had

not had value for their money. (Applause.) The Leyton Library was unique in the respect that it had been provided and was maintained almost wholly by the rates, they having had no generous benefactor to help them in bringing the library to its present stage of excellence. He attributed the great success of the library to the fact that it was maintained and governed by the ratepayers themselves and also to the fact that there was no *index expurgatorius* in the selection of books—no one to dictate what the people should and should not read. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion he wished to call their attention to the quotation the librarian had put upon the programme of those proceedings: "In books lies the soul of the whole past time; the articulate audible voice of the past, when the body and material substance of it has altogether vanished like a dream. . . . All that mankind has done, thought, gained, or been; it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books" (Carlyle). In this new building lay that store, offered freely to the people of Leyton, and the Council expected it to be freely partaken of by them. If they supported the library in the future as they had done in the past it must invariably tend to the instruction and the sound, healthy amusement of the people of the district. (Applause.)

Mr. ANDREW JOHNSTON, J.P., in supporting the motion, described Mr. Hills as a man full of public spirit, enthusiasm, and humanity, who delighted in any work which benefitted his fellow creatures. (Applause.) He had that afternoon an opportunity of seeing what a many-sided man he was. For several hours he (Mr. Johnston) had been inspecting that vast engine of death which Mr. Hills had turned out for the Japanese Government, and which he hoped would be employed only on the side of humanity, and that evening he heard him as the apostle of culture, art, and literature. (Hear, hear.) They could not possibly have had a better man to pronounce a benediction on that library, for since he had come into the county he had proved himself an orator of the first rank. (Applause.) He congratulated Leyton on its noble library and the admirable use to which it was being put and he wished it with all his heart God-speed. (Applause.)

The motion was carried with acclamation, and

Mr. HILLS, in response, humorously remarked that it made him feel quite sad to think he must so soon depart from the Paradise of Progress into the wilderness of Woodford. (Laughter.) If they kept him much longer away from Woodford he was afraid they would make him a "late 'un." (Laughter.)

On the motion of Councillor TRUMBLE, seconded by Councillor TILEY, a hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Chairman.

Councillor CHAPMAN suitably replied, and announced that the reading room would be open to the public at nine o'clock on the following morning, and the lending and reference departments at 10.30. He then, on behalf of the librarian, presented to Mr. Hills a handsomely bound copy of the catalogue.

The National Anthem was then played by the orchestra, and afterwards the majority of those present inspected the new library buildings.

TABLE I.

## Number and Classification of Volumes in the Library.

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Theology and Philosophy	...	..	...	...	...	690
Science and Art	...	...	...	...	...	1487
Sociology	...	...	...	...	...	310
Prose Fiction	..	...	...	...	...	3889
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	...	...	395
Biography, History, Voyages, and Travels	...	...	...	...	...	2136
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	...	...	1350
Magazines and Reviews	...	...	...	...	...	220
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	...	...	411
Reference Library	...	...	...	...	...	2517
Total	...	...	...	...	...	13405

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TABLE II.  
Return of Issues, with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month.	Days Open	Theology and Philology.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics Poetry, and the Drama.	Biography, History, &c.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Reference Library.	Total.	Daily Average.
April 1897	...	152	794	68	7841	54	640	2786	151	97	254	12837	641.85
May "	...	138	756	65	8025	59	721	4411	167	100	159	14601	663.68
June "	...	99	590	59	6995	46	556	3674	170	107	140	12436	654.52
July "	...	145	625	58	7923	64	567	4092	218	107	227	14026	609.82
August "	...	131	588	53	6958	46	544	3450	198	106	335	12409	590.904
September "	...	165	758	39	7895	63	675	3537	207	119	367	13825	658.3
October "	...	180	896	62	8899	69	714	3949	306	138	254	15467	703.05
November "	...	187	918	92	9131	78	767	4107	329	150	243	16002	727.36
December "	...	151	783	63	8216	72	762	4022	354	128	186	14737	736.85
January 1898	...	165	933	84	9135	94	785	3905	413	149	238	15901	722.77
February "	...	171	1027	82	8790	92	807	3711	397	140	300	15517	775.85
March "	...	182	1100	81	9262	96	843	4213	409	147	313	16646	755.63
1897-8 ...	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.62
* June 1, '96--Mar. 31, '97	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.8
June 1, '95--May 31, '96	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440.62
June 1, '94--May 31, '95	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494.7
June 1, '93--May 31, '94	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414.4
Total number issued since opening...	1178	3874	21360	1354	395312	2940	27205	117226	4589	5972	3778	583610	495.5

\* Closed six weeks for alterations, etc.

TABLE III.

Percentages of Issues (Lending Library).

	1894-5.	1895-6.	1897-8.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	0'56	0'55	1'08
Science and Art ... ..	3'36	3'84	5'69
Sociology ... ..	0'11	0'19	0'47
Prose Fiction ... ..	72'41	72'074	57'804
Poetry, Drama, and Classics ...	0'54	0'46	0'48
History, Voyages and Travels ...	4'65	3'93	4'89
Juvenile Literature ... ..	17'51	16'18	26'75
Magazines ... ..	—	—	1'93
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	0'82	2'72	0'86

TABLE IV.

Occupations of Borrowers.

Accountants ... ..	16	Cooper ... ..	1
Actor ... ..	1	Cork Merchant ... ..	1
Agents ... ..	13	Customs and Inland Re-	
Apprentices ... ..	15	venue Officers ... ..	9
Architects and Surveyors	4	Cycle Manufacturers ... ..	3
Artists ... ..	3	Decorators ... ..	5
Auctioneers ... ..	2	Diamond Sorter ... ..	1
Autohress ... ..	1	Doctors and Surgeons ... ..	8
Bag Manufacturer ... ..	1	Domestic Servants ... ..	13
Bakers and Confectioners	11	Drapers ... ..	13
Bookbinders ... ..	3	Draughtsmen ... ..	5
Booksellers and Stationers	9	Electricians ... ..	12
Boot and Shoe Makers...	4	Engineers ... ..	33
Box Maker ... ..	1	Engraver ... ..	1
Brass Finisher ... ..	1	Furnishers ... ..	2
Brushmaker ... ..	1	Gardeners ... ..	3
Builders and Contractors	5	Grocers ... ..	14
Butchers ... ..	13	Hairdressers ... ..	3
Cardboard Maker ... ..	1	Ironmongers ... ..	2
Carpenters and Joiners...	14	Ivory Cutters ... ..	3
Carriage Cleaner ... ..	1	Journalists ... ..	6
Cellarman ... ..	3	Labourers ... ..	4
Chemists ... ..	7	Machinists ... ..	13
Civil Service ... ..	12	Managers ... ..	3
Clergy and Ministers ... ..	11	Married Women ... ..	452
Clerks ... ..	346	Mason ... ..	1
Coachmakers ... ..	6	Medical Instrument	
Companions ... ..	3	Maker ... ..	1

*Table IV. Occupations of Borrowers—continued.*

Merchants and Manufac- turers ... ..	11	Schoolmasters, Mistresses, etc. ... ..	209
Messengers ... ..	3	Seamen ... ..	4
Milkman ... ..	1	Shopkeepers, and Shop Assistants ... ..	23
Milliners and Dressmakers	33	Signwriters ... ..	2
Musicians ... ..	13	Soldier ... ..	1
Newsboy ... ..	1	Solicitor ... ..	1
Paperhanger ... ..	1	Tailors and Outfitters ...	12
Pensioners ... ..	2	Telegraphists ... ..	3
Photographers ... ..	3	Tin Plate Worker ... ..	1
Platelayer ... ..	1	Tobacconist ... ..	1
Plumbers ... ..	2	Travellers ... ..	20
Polisher ... ..	1	Typists ... ..	5
Police Officers ... ..	4	Upholsterers ... ..	2
Porters ... ..	4	Waitresses ... ..	2
Post Office Officials ...	20	Warehousemen ... ..	29
Printers and Compositors	14	Watchmakers & Jewellers	5
Railway Employees ...	8	Not specified ... ..	562
Saddlers ... ..	2		
Scholars and Students ...	907		
School Board Officers ...	2	Total	3,033

TABLE V.

## Ages of Borrowers Enrolled during the Year.

Under 18 years ... ..	1280
From 18 to 25 years ... ..	478
„ 25 „ 30 „ ... ..	239
„ 30 „ 35 „ ... ..	180
„ 35 „ 40 „ ... ..	148
„ 40 „ 45 „ ... ..	117
„ 45 „ 50 „ ... ..	58
„ 50 „ 60 „ ... ..	89
„ 60 and upwards ... ..	60
Ages not recorded ... ..	384
Total ... ..	3033

TABLE VI.

Tickets Withdrawn or Cancelled during the Year,  
with reasons given.

Borrowers left the district	...	...	...	...	...	88
"    deceased	...	...	...	...	...	6
Guarantors withdrawn	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cancelled by Librarian	...	...	...	...	...	1
						<hr/> 97
Cards expired	...	...	...	...	...	2165
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Total	...	...	...	...	...	2262

TABLE VII.

Days the Library was open	...	...	...	...	254
Books issued	...	...	...	...	174,404
Average daily issue	...	...	...	...	686.62
Largest " " December 30th	...	...	...	...	1,113
Smallest " " " 7th	...	...	...	...	399
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	...	14,533.6
Largest " " November	...	...	...	...	16,002
Smallest " " August	...	...	...	...	12,409
Number of Volumes in Library March 31st, 1897	...	...	...	...	12,540
" " added by purchase	...	...	752	...	
" " " gift	...	...	91	...	
" Magazines bound	...	...	38	...	
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Total number added during the year	...	...	881	...	
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...	16	...	
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Net increase	...	...	...	...	865
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Total	...	...	...	...	13,405
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Books Lost and Paid for	...	...	...	...	18
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	...	236
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	...	776
Borrowers on Register March 31st, 1897...	...	...	3,899	...	
" registered during year	...	...	3,033	...	
					<hr/> 6,932
Borrowers' cards cancelled and expired	...	...	...	...	2,262
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Total number of borrowers on Register	...	...	...	...	4,670

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY 1897-8.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Anderson, Anderson, & Co., Fenchurch St. ...	1	
Board of Advertising for the Isle of Man ...		15
Board of Trade ... ..	5	
Bonnefin, Dr. H., Leytonstone ... ..	2	
Brinsmead, Mr. E. (the Author) ... ..	1	
British Museum, Trustees of ... ..	9	
Brown, Messrs. T. B., Fleet Street ... ..	1	
Caine, Rev. C. (the Author) ... ..	1	
Clarendon Press, Oxford ... ..	65	
Cook, Lady, Richmond ... ..	1	
Currie, Messrs. Donald ... ..	1	
Ellis, Mr. C. (the Author), Lyme Regis ... ..	1	
Friends' Tract Association ... ..	1	
Great Eastern Railway Company ... ..	1	
Hamilton, Mr., Leyton ... ..	13	
Hutchinson, Miss, Leytonstone ... ..	9	
Lash, Mr. J. A., Leyton ... ..	9	
Maxweil, Mr. W. H. (the Author), Town Hall, Leyton ... ..	2	
Morice, Mr. W., Leytonstone ... ..	4	
Morris, Mrs. W., Kelmscott Press, Hammersmith	1	
North British Association of Gas Managers ...	1	
Potter, Mr. C. (the Author) ... ..	1	
Simms, Dr. J. (the Author), U.S.A. ... ..	1	
Simonds, Mr. Councillor Tom, Leytonstone ...	4	
Society of Friends ... ..	1	
Society for the Protection of Animals from Vivi- section ... ..	2	
Stubbs' Publishing Company ... ..	1	
Sutton & Sons, Reading ... ..	2	
Taylor, Mr. S. (the Author) ... ..	1	
University Correspondence College ... ..	1	
Vincent, Mr. R., Town Hall, Leyton ... ..	2	
Walker, Mr. C. C., Executors of ... ..	2	
Woods, Mr. S., M.P. ... ..		424

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# Report of the Library Committee.

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In presenting a Report of the Sixth Year's work of the Leyton Public Library the Committee have much pleasure in being able to record a year of steady progress.

The Lending and Reference Libraries have been well patronised, and the number of visitors to the News and Magazine Room shows that this Department is thoroughly appreciated by a very large number of residents in our District.

In the early part of the year the first Branch Reading Room was opened at the Cann Hall Schools, and that this has not been more used is no doubt partly due to the entrance being somewhat out of the way. Recently a Book Delivery Station was established at the Branch Reading Room, and this has proved decidedly successful. If the funds would allow the transfer of this Branch to the High Road, Leytonstone, it would probably prove to be as successful as the Central News Room in the High Road, Leyton.

The applications for the loan of Music Books increase steadily, the chief Operas, Comic Operas, and Oratorios being always in demand.

The good work among the Children continues. Its effect outside our own District is shown by the fact that other Libraries have followed our example in making arrangements for lectures on books, removing the age limit for borrowing books, etc. Notably among these may be mentioned Battersea, Kingston-on-Thames, and St. Saviour's, Southwark.

The short notes, written by our Librarian, upon the character and scope of new works added to the Library, which have been published from time to time in the local Press, have been very useful. The title of a book is frequently very little indication of the aim of the author. These notes are certainly helpful, and lead to the more immediate use of new works placed upon the Library shelves.

The hearty and sincere thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. Moon, the Chief Librarian, and his assistants. Their ability and attention to the work render the Committee's task a pleasure.

HY. HEATHER,

*Chairman.*

# LEYTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## Librarian's Annual Report.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library  
Committee, Leyton Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting this my Sixth Annual Report, I have again the honour of reviewing the work done and the advances made by the Library during another year of its existence.

An important extension of the Library's capacity for usefulness has marked the twelve months now completed. Reference is of course made to the establishment of the first Branch Reading Room, which was opened by Mr. Councillor CHAPMAN in May last, and in connection with which a Book Delivery Station was started as recently as February of this year.

This extension seems to have elucidated one important tendency; a tendency which, it may be presumed, many hardly suspected a few months ago. The Committee will remember the representations made to them by deputations; the petitions sent to them by anxious signatories, and other requests that were sent to them in writing, as well as the correspondence that appeared in the public Press. In all these they may also recollect the opening of Reading Rooms in preference to Libraries was advocated. Well, a Reading Room was opened, but from the experience which it has brought, it may be doubted whether Reading Rooms satisfy, so fully as Libraries, the tastes and requirements of the public. It must be confessed that our first Branch Reading Room, considered strictly as a Reading Room, has all along been a complete failure; whereas the Book Station on the other hand, has worked admirably. At the Reading Room the daily average attendance has been only 20, but from the Station 43 books per hour have, on an average, been issued since it was first opened.

Had the reading room been more conveniently situated for the use of the three wards of Cann Hall, Harrow Green, and Leytonstone, it might have been more widely used. But I fear that the transference of the branch to a more convenient spot cannot, in view of the present state of our finances, be considered as a practical proposal. With the limited funds at the disposal of the Committee, it is certainly impossible at present to carry out any change entailing so large an expenditure. But I leave this not exhilarating topic to turn to the brighter picture of our work in general.

The volumes added to the Library during the year numbered 1632, of which 1226 have been purchased, 337 presented, and 69 bound from magazines after use in reading rooms, so that, deducting 35 volumes which have been withdrawn from circulation, the total number of volumes now in the library is 15,002, classified as follows:—

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	769
Science and Art	...	...	1612
Sociology	...	...	365
Prose Fiction	...	...	4290
Classics, Poetry, and the Drama	...	...	412
History, Biography, and Travels	...	...	2272
Juvenile Literature	...	...	1588
Magazines and Reviews	...	...	277
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	458
Reference Library	...	...	2959
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Total	...	...	15002
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The total number of readers for the year numbered 344,310, viz.:— Reading Room 183,655; Lending Library 157,075; Reference Library 3,580. These figures represent a daily average of 600 visitors to the Reading Room, and of 661 books issued from the Libraries.

With so large a circulation, it is almost superfluous to point out that the wear and tear is very great. Little surprise therefore will be caused by the statement that in addition to the very large number of books repaired, and the 35 volumes withdrawn as unfit for circulation, no fewer than 1,390 volumes have been bound, and 334 new copies purchased to replace such as were worn out.

Upon this extensive use of the books the Committee must certainly be congratulated, but this same increased use must also be regarded as heralding the approach of certain financial difficulties, with which careful consideration will be required to cope.

Our area of readers, it has been said, has largely widened; the exact number of new borrowers enrolled has been 1,923, which raises the total number of those who are now enjoying the use of the Library to 5,027, exclusive of 357 who hold special tickets for Music. Details with regard to the occupations and ages of borrowers appear in tables 3 and 4, while the character of the books which are read is set forth in Tables 1 and 2.

To Table I. particular attention may be given. It may not inaptly be called the Library barometer, seeing that it indicates the variations in the mental condition, so far as is shown by the books which are read, of the circle of readers round which the volumes go in the course of the year. Information is also given as to the number of books borrowed from the different classes of literature, the total number of issues for each month, and the average number of issues per day—in fact, upon everything that is necessary to form a just opinion of the use that is made of the Library.

I will not here enter upon the thorny work of moralizing upon the classes of books which are read.

Some persons may look doleful over the amount of fiction which is read, and deplore that more of the solid works are not perused. But it will be readily understood how unsafe it is to generalize from the materials here before us. Whether an individual's leisure reading is to be of an exciting or emotional, picturesque or idealistic, rather than of a strictly instructive or serious character must be largely determined by the nature of his occupation, the natural bias of his mind and its aptitudes, and to a certain extent by even the amount of his leisure, but it must be exceedingly satisfactory to the Committee that 66,298 of the books issued were of a scientific, theological, historical, or similar character, that is to say, were not works of fiction.

The Reading Room is provided with 164 newspapers, magazines and reviews, viz.: 15 daily, 82 weekly, 1 bi-monthly, 64 monthly and 2 quarterly, and also with the time books of all the principal railway companies in England. Thirty-four of the weekly and 31 of the monthly periodicals, as well as the railway publications, are presented by the editors or publishers, and the fact that 183,655 persons have visited this room during the year is sufficient evidence of its popularity.

Periodicals not required for filing or binding are sent to brighten the lives of the inmates of the Workhouse; while those books which have to be replaced by new copies are sent to the Hospital for the pleasure of the patients.

Thanks are due to those who have so kindly presented journals for use in the Reading Room, and to those who have so generously helped the growth of the Library by their gifts of books. Under the latter head come the 63 valuable volumes presented by Mr. Councillor SIMONDS, many of which are works of great value. A complete list of all donations is given on page 12.

Gratitude must also be felt towards the Editors of our local newspapers, who, with their usual courtesy, have allowed the columns of their journals to be the vehicles by which the contents of, and the additions to the Library have been made known.

I cannot conclude without mentioning the very great assistance and encouragement given to me by Mr. TILEY, the ex-Chairman, and expressing my thanks to every member of the Committee for the kind consideration which each one has given to any suggestion I may have ventured to make.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON, *Librarian.*

TABLE I.  
Return of Issues, with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra-phy and Travels.	Juvenile Litera-ture.	Maga-zines.	Miscel-laneous Litera-ture.	Reference Library.	Total.	Daily Average.
April 1898	20	142	858	69	9070	79	759	3772	376	138	211	15474	773.7
May	21	131	754	57	8427	93	702	3767	364	135	231	14661	698.14
* June	12	72	386	28	3931	30	307	1656	168	49	115	6742	561.833
July	20	111	574	33	6270	44	351	2574	280	86	168	10491	524.55
August	21	129	624	38	7194	49	475	2489	237	75	230	11540	549.523
September	22	168	764	74	8086	78	568	2954	301	115	353	13461	611.863
October	22	209	871	63	8720	52	726	3581	348	165	373	15108	686.727
November	21	209	910	64	8256	79	750	3670	337	224	351	14850	707.143
December	21	186	917	56	8353	106	677	3459	355	179	318	14606	695.523
January 1899	22	151	930	63	8535	71	715	3426	383	192	408	14874	676.09
February	20	159	922	49	7994	79	720	3248	385	172	431	14158	707.95
March	21	210	940	68	8521	91	708	3245	362	153	391	14689	699.476
Total 1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661.131
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414.421
Total number issued since opening	1421	5751	30810	2016	488669	3791	34663	155067	8485	7655	7358	744265	523.761

\* Closed for Stocktaking.

TABLE II.  
Percentages of Issues.

CLASS	1894-5	1895-6	1897-8	1898-9
Theology and Philosophy	0.56	0.55	1.06	1.16
Science and Art ... ..	3.36	3.84	5.6007	5.882
Sociology ... ..	0.11	0.19	0.462	0.412
Prose Fiction ... ..	72.41	72.074	56.804	58.108
Classics, Poetry & the Drama	0.54	0.46	0.47	0.529
History, Biography, & Travels	4.65	3.93	4.805	4.649
Juvenile Literature ... ..	17.51	16.18	26.29	23.55
Magazines ... ..			1.903	2.42
Miscellaneous Literature ...	0.82	2.72	0.85	1.047
Reference Library ... ..			1.72	2.228

TABLE III.  
Occupations of Borrowers.

Accountants ... ..	12	Machinists ... ..	2
Agents ... ..	23	Mariners ... ..	2
Apprentices ... ..	8	Married Women (so des-	
Architects and Surveyors	5	cribed) ... ..	205
Artists ... ..	2	Mason ... ..	1
Auctioneers ... ..	2	Merchants and Manufacturers	5
Bakers and Confectioners	5	Messengers ... ..	6
Blacksmiths ... ..	2	Millers ... ..	4
Boiler Maker ... ..	1	Musicians... ..	4
Bookbinder ... ..	1	Nurse ... ..	1
Bootmakers ... ..	8	Optician ... ..	1
Bricklayer ... ..	1	Painters and Decorators	6
Brokers ... ..	3	Pensioners ... ..	4
Brushmaker ... ..	1	Photographers ... ..	2
Builders ... ..	3	Pianoforte Makers ... ..	2
Butchers ... ..	6	Plasterer ... ..	1
Carpenters and Joiners ...	4	Plumber ... ..	1
Caretaker ... ..	1	Police Constables ... ..	2
Carver ... ..	1	Poor Law Office... ..	1
Chemists ... ..	7	Porters ... ..	4
Civil Servants ... ..	14	Portmanteau Maker ... ..	1
Clergy and Ministers ... ..	10	Post Office Officials ... ..	8
Clerks ... ..	250	Printers ... ..	18
Coachmakers ... ..	5	Publican ... ..	1
Coopers ... ..	2	Publishers' Assistants ...	2

TABLE III.—continued.

Customs' Officers	...	9	Railway Officials...	...	8
Cycle Makers	...	3	Scholars and Students	...	461
Dairymen	...	5	School Board Officers	...	3
Doctors	...	8	Schoolmasters, Mistresses,		
Domestic Servants	...	6	etc.	...	116
Drapers and Milliners	...	12	Shop Assistants	...	15
Draughtsman	...	1	Signalmen	...	2
Dressmakers	...	16	Solicitor	...	1
Electricians	...	3	Stationers	...	2
Engineers	...	34	Stevedore	...	1
Errand Boys	...	2	Steward	...	1
Florists	...	3	Tailors	...	5
Furniture Dealers	...	3	Tie Cutters	...	2
Furrier	...	1	Timekeeper	...	1
Greengrocer	...	1	Tobacconist	...	1
Grocers	...	4	Travellers	...	23
Hairdressers	...	2	Typists	...	10
Harness Makers	...	2	Umbrella Makers	...	2
Hatters	...	4	Warehousemen	...	14
Instrument Makers	...	2	Watchmakers and Jewellers	...	3
Ironmonger	...	1	Not stated	...	463
Journalist	...	1			
Keymaker	...	1			
Labourers	...	3			1923
Leather Case Maker	...	1			

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the year.

Under 18 years	...	...	...	...	...	689
From 18 to 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	332
„ 25 „ 30	...	...	...	...	...	173
„ 30 „ 35	...	...	...	...	...	140
„ 35 „ 40	...	...	...	...	...	125
„ 40 „ 45	...	...	...	...	...	72
„ 45 „ 50	...	...	...	...	...	39
„ 50 „ 60	...	...	...	...	...	50
„ 60 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	38
Not stated	...	...	...	...	...	265
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1923

TABLE V.  
Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Borrowers left the district ... ..	143
„ deceased ... ..	11
Guarantor withdrawn ... ..	1
Guarantors left the district ... ..	5
Cancelled by Librarian ... ..	3
Cards left or not called for ... ..	72
No reason given ... ..	34
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Expired cards ... ..	269
	1297
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Total ... ..	1566

TABLE VI.

Days the Library was open ... ..	243
Books issued ... ..	160,655
Average daily issue ... ..	661.131
Largest „ „ April 7th, 1898 ... ..	1,156
Smallest „ „ July 18th, 1898 ... ..	285
Average monthly issue ... ..	13,387.91
Largest „ „ April, 1898 ... ..	15,474
Smallest „ „ July, 1898 ... ..	10,491
Number of volumes in Library March 31st, 1898	13,405
„ „ added by purchase ... ..	1,226
„ „ „ gift ... ..	314
„ Magazines bound ... ..	69
„ Pamphlets presented ... ..	23
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Total number added during the year ... ..	1,632
Withdrawn from circulation ... ..	35
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Net increase ... ..	1,597
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Total number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1899	15,002
Books lost and paid for by borrowers ... ..	13
Books worn out and replaced ... ..	334
Notices posted for overdue books ... ..	986
Borrowers on register March 31st, 1897 ... ..	4,670
„ registered during the year .. ..	1,923
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Borrowers cards cancelled and expired ... ..	6,593
	1,566
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Total number of borrowers on register ... ..	5,027

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY 1898-9.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Axon, W. E. A., Manchester ... ..	8	19
Baker, James (the Author), Clifton ... ..	6	
Betham-Edwards, Miss M. (the Author), Hastings	2	
Bosworth, G. F. (the Author), Walthamstow	1	
Browne, Messrs. T. B., Queen Victoria Street	1	
Buchanan & Co., Holborn ... ..	4	
Calvinistic Protestant Union ... ..	1	
Co-operative Union, Limited ... ..	1	
Corporation of the City of London ... ..	2	
Cotgreave, A. West Ham Public Libraries ...	1	
Digby Long & Co. ... ..	2	
Dougal & Co., Strand ... ..	1	
Edmondson, Mrs., Leyton ... ..	2	
Gould, I. C. (the Author), Loughton ... ..		6
Glenny, W. W. (the Author), Barking ... ..		2
Great Eastern Railway Co. ... ..	3	
Gristwood, Mrs. Leyton ... ..	20	
Hutchinson, Miss, Leytonstone ... ..	2	
Isle of Man Board of Advertising ... ..	6	
Labour Department of the Board of Trade ...	5	
Lash, J. A., Wanstead ... ..	2	
Locks, Councillor ... ..	1	
Maxwell, W. H. (the Author), Leyton ... ..	1	
Meteorological Office ... ..	204	
Methuen & Co. ... ..	1	
Pears, Messrs. A. & F., New Oxford Street ...	1	
Richards, J., Leyton .. ...	1	
Sell, Henry, Fleet Street ... ..	2	
Simonds, Councillor ... ..	63	
Stanley, W. F. (the Author) ... ..	2	
University College Bristol ... ..	1	
University Correspondence College ... ..	1	
Western Australia, Agent General for ... ..	1	
Wilson, Dr. A. (the Author), Leytonstone ...	1	
Woods, Sam, M.P. ... ..		435

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## NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES and PERIODICALS.

Those marked \* are presented.

	Central.	Cann Hall Branch.		Central.	Cann Hall Branch.
Daily Chronicle	...	I	Morning Leader	...	I
Daily Graphic	...	I	Pall Mall Gazette	...	I
Daily Mail...	...	I	Standard	...	I
*Daily Mail...	...	I	*Standard	...	I
Daily News	...	I	Star	...	I
Daily Telegraph	...	I	Sun	...	I
Echo	...	I	Times	...	I
Evening News	...	I	Westminster Gazette	I	
Globe	...	I			

## WEEKLY.

*Alliance News	...	I	Lady's Pictorial	...	I
Amateur Gardening	I	I	*Leyton Advertiser	...	I
*Answers	...	I	Leyton Independent	I	I
Architect	...	I	*Lichfield Mercury	...	I
*Aspirant (Civil Service, etc.)	...	I	Literary World	...	I
Athenæum	...	I	*Local Government Chronicle	...	I
*Bicycling News	...	I	*Local Government Journal	...	I
*Blackpool Gazette	...	I	Londoner Zeitung	...	I
Black and White	...	I	*Madame	...	I
*Braintree Advertiser	I		Manchester Weekly Times	...	I
*Brighton and Hove Guardian	...	I	*Midland Counties Herald	...	I
*Brighton Society	...	I	Municipal Journal	...	I
Builder	...	I	Nature	...	I
*Canadian Gazette	...	I			
*Capitalist	...	I			

## WEEKLY—continued.

	Central.	Cann Hall Branch.			Central	Cann Hall Branch.
Cassell's Saturday			Lady...	...	I	I
Journal ...	I	I	*New Era	...	I	
*Chemical Trade Journal	I	I	Notes and Queries	...	I	
Christian World ...	I		Observer	...	I	
*Civil Service Weekly	I		People	...	I	
Clarion ...	I		*Present Truth	...	I	
*Clifton Society	I		Public Opinion	...	I	I
Eastern Mercury	I		Punch	...	I	I
*Electrical Review	I		Queen	...	I	I
Electricity ...	I	I	Referee	...	I	
*Engineer ...	I		Schoolmaster	...	I	I
*Engineer and Iron			Schoolmistress	...	I	I
Trades Advertiser	I	I	Shipping List	...	I	
*Engineering...	I		Spectator	...	I	I
*English Churchman	I		St. James's Budget	I	I	
*English Mechanic	I		*St. Paul's	...	I	I
Essex County Chrncl.	I		Stratford Express	...	I	I
*Essex Courier	I		*Temperance Record	I	I	
*Essex Weekly News	I		Truth	...	I	I
Exchange and Mart	I		*University Corres-			
Field ...	I		pondent	...	I	I
Gentlewoman	I	I	*Walthamstow			
Graphic ...	I	I	Guardian	...	I	
*The Guardian	I		Weekly Dispatch	...	I	
Illustrated London			Week Freeman	...	I	
News ...	I	I	Weekly Scotsman	...	I	
Illustrated Official			Weekly Sun	...	I	
Journal ...	I		*West Ham Guardian	I		
*Invention ...	I		West Ham Herald...	I		
*Iron and Coal Trades			Woman	...	I	I
Review ...	I	I	Work	...	I	
Judy ...	I	I	Yorkshire Weekly			
Justice	I	I	Post	...	I	

## MONTHLY.

*Animals' Friend	...	I	*Labour Gazette	...	I
*Anti-Slavery Reporter	I		Leisure Hour	...	I
Antiquary	...	I	*Marine Engineer	...	I
Argosy	...	I	*Mariner	...	I
*Awake	...	I	*Millinery Record	...	I
Badminton Magazine	I		*Musical Herald	...	I
Blackwood's			*National Depositor...	I	
Magazine	..	I	Natural Science	...	I

## MONTHLY—continued.

	Central.	Cann Hall Branch.		Central.	Cann Hall Branch.
Boy's Own Paper ...	I		*Jewish Missionary Intelligence ...	I	
*British Food Journal	I		*New Church Magazine ...	I	
*Brotherhood ...	I		Nineteenth Century	I	
Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette ...	I	I	*Nonconformist Musical Journal	I	
Chambers' Journal ...	I		*Our Own Gazette ...	I	
*Child's Guardian ...	I		Pall Mall Magazine	I	
*Church Missionary Gleaner ...	I		*Patents ...	I	
*Clerk of Works' Asso- ciation Journal ...	I		Pearson's Magazine	I	I
Contemporary Review ...	I		Photogram ...	I	
*Educational Review	I		*Plumber and Decorator ...	I	
*Educational Times	I		Quiver ...	I	
English Illustrated Magazine ...	I		*Rechabite Magazine	I	
*Faraday House Journal ...	I		Review of Reviews...	I	
*Financial Reformer	I		Science Gossip ...	I	
*Forester's Miscellany	I		Scribner's Magazine	I	
Fortnightly Review	I		Social Democrat ...	I	
Genealogical Magazine ...	I		Son of Temperance	I	
Gentleman's Magazine ...	I		State Correspondent	I	
Geographical Journal	I		Strand Magazine ...	I	I
Girl's Own Paper ...	I		*Stratford Co-operator	I	
Good Words ...	I		Sunday at Home ...	I	
Harmsworth Magazine ...	I		*Tool and Machinery Register ...	I	
Harper's Magazine...	I		*Travel ...	I	
*Herald of Health ...	I		*Vegetarian Messenger	I	
			Wide-World Magazine ...	I	
			Windsor Magazine ...	I	I
			*Wings ...	I	
			*Zoophilist ...	I	

## QUARTERLY—Central Library.

\*Bibby's Quarterly.  
Essex Review,

Home Counties Magazine.  
Quarterly Review,

## ANNUAL—Central Library.

Board of Trade Reports :—	*London University Calendar.
*Strikes and Lock-outs.	Municipal Year Book.
*Trade Unions.	Palæontographical Society's
*Wages and Hours of	Publications.
Labour.	Royal Historical Society's
*Bristol University Calendar.	Publications.
*Durham University Calendar.	Statesman's Year Book.
*Emigration Handbooks.	Whitaker's Almanack.
Hazell's Annual.	Who's Who.

## DIRECTORIES.

	Central.	Cann Hall Branch.		Central.	Cann Hall Branch.
*Browne's Advertisers'			London ... ..	I	
A.B.C. ... ..	I	I	London (Post Office)	I	I
Clergy List ... ..	I		London (Suburban)	I	I
Essex ... ..	I		*Sell's World's Press	I	I
Leyton, Walthamstow,			*Stubbs' Directory of		
Snarbrook, and			Manufacturers ...	I	
Wanstead ... ..	I	I			

## TIME TABLES—Central Library.

A.B.C.	*London, Brighton and South
Cassell's.	Coast.
*Cook's Excursionist.	*London, Chatham and Dover.
*District.	*London and North Western.
*General Steam Navigation.	*London and South Western.
*Great Central.	*South Eastern.
*Great Eastern.	*South Eastern and Chatham and
*Great Northern.	Dover.
*Great Western.	*Midland.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire.	*Metropolitan.

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# Report of the Library Committee.

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The Committee have much pleasure in presenting an account of the Seventh Year's work of the Leyton Public Library, and are glad to record a year of happy prosperity.

In furtherance of the policy of bringing the Library within reach of those districts more distant from the Central Library, a Branch Delivery Station has been opened two evenings per week at Kirkdale Road Board School, and has proved very successful. Our thanks are due to the Leyton School Board for their ready response to our request for the use of a room.

The Branch Delivery Station at Cann Hall was also opened twice per week instead of once as formerly.

In the near future provision will have to be made for a Delivery Station in the Lea Bridge Road District, and then no ratepayer will have to go far to obtain books from our Library.

The Reference Library shows increasing usefulness. Students use the books more frequently and systematically, and our Librarian is frequently appealed to for help in the choice of books for further study.

The Catalogue of Essex Literature and Authors, carefully compiled by Mr. MOON, and published by this Committee, has proved very useful and has earned warm commendation. It has resulted in several gifts of books to the Library. The Committee, in thanking these and other donors during the year, feel that many in the district might increase the usefulness of the Library by gifts of books. Will they do so?

The Librarian's Report contains full statistics of the issue of the various classes of literature.

Your Committee draw attention to the Catalogue of War Literature, to be obtained at the Library, as well as to other useful lists of special issues exhibited there.

The short notes written by the Librarian, and published in our Library Magazine and in the local press, giving some account of fresh books, still proves very useful, and causes many to ask for the books so described.

To Mr. MOON and his staff are due the sincere thanks of the Committee. The work goes on at all times smoothly and well, and the continued prosperity of the Library is the result.

H. HEATHER,  
*Chairman.*

# Librarian's Annual Report.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Seventh Annual Report of the Leyton Public Library, for the year ending March 31st, 1900, there is again to be recorded an extension of the Library's sphere of usefulness.

Obviously, in a district covering a large and extended area, no building can be equally convenient for all, a drawback of which the Committee were always conscious, and upon which they have from the first bestowed their serious and careful attention. Had funds been available, the drawback might have been removed by the establishment of branch libraries, but funds were, unfortunately, not available. Held by the financial tether of the Public Libraries' Acts, our pecuniary movements must, of course, be within a somewhat circumscribed area; in fact, pointing to the Penny boundary, "Thus far shalt thou go," says the Act, "and no farther." Placed in a purely residential locality, the Library naturally lacks certain sources of enrichment which might be possessed by a similar institution situated in a busy commercial and industrial centre. Hence, though the Committee fully recognised the importance and the desirability of establishing branch libraries in various parts of the parish, paucity of funds has prevented the step being taken.

**General**

The Committee accordingly decided that there should be one Central Library, the scope and operations of which should be amplified and extended as means and opportunity offered. The wisdom of this course the lapse of time has shown. The establishment of the Central Library having become an accomplished fact, a branch Reading Room was opened in the Cann Hall district in 1898, followed by the

**Extensions**

opening of a Book Delivery Station in 1899, while the present year has witnessed both the extension of that branch, and the opening of a Delivery Station at Leytonstone. The books are thus brought within easy reach of the residents in these localities, and facility thereby afforded for the convenient procuration of books for home reading.

Much, therefore, has been done with the limited funds at the disposal of the Committee, and though on the one hand one might regret that the Library has not been benefited with the generous gifts that have fallen to many similar institutions, it may, on the other hand, be remembered with well-grounded satisfaction that the Library is an institution established not only for, but by the community.

#### **Borrowers.**

With regard, however, to the increased facilities for borrowing to which we have referred, one must point to an aspect which cannot be viewed with the same tranquility. It is true that 2,440 new cards have been issued, but against this it has to be stated that 2,437 other cards have been cancelled, so that the actual increase in the number of borrowers is only three on the whole year. A large number of cards for which application has been made the applicants have never called for, whereby they have caused considerable unnecessary expense and labour. And viewing this matter the question legitimately arises whether some check should not be put upon persons who thoughtlessly send in forms of application, without ever making use of the privileges for which they apply.

But I should hesitate, myself, to advocate any check on persons desirous of securing the full advantages of a library, rather, I would suggest that a charge be made when the application form is issued instead of when application is made for the ticket.

The fact of these cards having been left on hand explains, to some extent, the small increase in the number of borrowers, but a more important explanation occurs in the fact that a large number of cards have, for various reasons, been left at the Library year after year, which have been cancelled in common with all others that have not been used for the specified period of three months, so that the exact number of tickets actually remaining in force is 5030, exclusive of 500 special tickets for music.

#### **Stock.**

During the year 732 volumes have been added to the Library. Of these 527 have been purchased, 97 presented, and 108 bound from magazines which have been used in the

Reading Rooms, while 24 volumes have been withdrawn as worn out and not replaceable owing to their being out of print. The Library now comprises 15,710 volumes, viz. :—

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	792
Science and Art	...	...	1672
Sociology	...	...	377
Prose Fiction	...	...	4419
Classics, Poetry, and the Drama	...	...	425
History, Biography, and Travels	...	...	2378
Juvenile Literature	...	...	1666
Magazines and Reviews	...	...	313
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	477
Reference Library	...	...	3191
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			15710

The readers at the different centres during the year have been 356,459, viz. :—Central Reading Room, 201,022 ; Cann Hall Reading Room, 6,456 ; Reference Library, 5788 ; Lending Library, 143,193 ; of which latter 4,742 volumes have been issued through the Delivery Stations. These figures represent a daily average of 674 visitors to the Reading Rooms, and 608·085 books issued from the Libraries.

**Readers.**

Full details as to the circulation of books in the Library are set forth in a series of tables. Table I. shows the monthly issues from each class in the Library, the daily averages, the totals for the year, and also for the whole period during which the Library has been open.

**Issues.**

The most important and noticeable feature in this table is the steady increase in the number of volumes issued from the Reference Department, the numbers being :—1896-7, 762 ; 1897-8, 3,016 ; 1898-9, 3,580 ; while during the present year the number has risen to 5,788.

**Reference Library.**

Inasmuch as the books in this department represent the highest form of literature, and are such as would only be used for actual study, it shows that the Library is becoming increasingly useful to the actual student. On the other hand, in the books borrowed for home reading, a decrease is shown in almost every kind of literature, magazines being the only class which shows an increase. The daily average for the year is 584·46, as compared with 646·4 for the preceding year.

**Lending Library.**

Various reasons may be assigned for the decrease, the most important being that only 732 books have been added this year as compared with 1,632 acquired during the previous year. The prolonged fine weather during last summer, and the increased use of the bicycle and other outdoor amusements have had a very marked effect on the circulation of books, while, owing to the excitement caused by the war during the last six months, readers have been concerned rather with the latest news from the Front than with the latest novel or the most recent text-book of science. These remarks are fully borne out when we turn to the statistics relating to the News Room. The readers in the Central Reading Room have numbered 201,022 as compared with 183,655 during the previous year.

#### **Reading Room.**

The Central Room is provided with 170 newspapers and periodicals, viz.:—17 daily newspapers, 82 weekly, 66 monthly, and 5 quarterly magazines and reviews, besides the time books of the principal railway companies in England, of which 38 weekly, 32 monthly, and 2 quarterly are presented.

#### **Children's Library.**

The work among the young has been steadily continued throughout the year with satisfactory results, no fewer than 614 Library Cards and about 1,000 tickets for the Reading Room having been issued to children in the elementary schools during the year.

The Lectures on books and authors have been continued, and have aroused much interest in, and created a great demand for, the books to which attention has been thus specially directed. In this direction it is interesting to note that several London Libraries have recently taken steps in the same direction; in some cases reducing, and in others entirely removing the age limit at which borrowers were previously admitted. As a further means to this end, your Librarian read a paper in advocacy of the subject at the meeting of the Library Assistants' Association recently held at Leyton.

Reference has already been made to the gifts of books which have been received; for these the Committee are grateful and the borrowers highly appreciative. A complete list of donations will be found on page 12 of this Report.

The Library has again received great assistance from the editors of our local newspapers. Week by week a paragraph relating to a book or books has been sent to the

various journals in the neighbourhood, and these have been carefully and regularly inserted in their columns, thus both keeping the Library before the notice of the inhabitants and also affording them information as to new additions.

In conclusion, I beg to express my thanks to the Chairman and every member of this Committee for the kind assistance they have rendered me during the year.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

TABLE I.  
Return of Issues with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra-phy and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Maga-zines.	Miscel-laneous Litera-ture.	Reference Library.	Total.	Daily Average.
April 1899	20	172	884	67	8099	88	628	3210	302	158	326	13934	696.7
May "	21	162	844	84	7816	76	622	3345	317	137	454	13857	659.86
* June "	12	57	315	23	3385	30	223	1358	133	51	253	5828	485.6
July "	21	101	567	41	5502	46	416	2216	211	84	249	9433	449.19
August "	...	...	654	41	6586	53	365	1953	250	101	383	10496	499.81
September "	22	146	758	51	7766	77	586	2605	314	98	490	12891	586.00
October "	22	148	904	61	7927	60	716	2986	417	120	560	13899	631.77
November "	21	167	834	57	8084	86	727	3129	447	146	626	14303	681.09
December "	20	152	655	35	7128	61	542	2633	424	137	501	12268	613.4
January 1900	22	155	842	47	7857	69	636	2747	395	157	628	13533	615.14
February "	20	129	851	72	7578	63	621	2695	343	194	634	13180	659.00
March "	23	161	1004	93	8725	59	789	3317	385	142	684	15359	667.78
Total 1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.085
" 1893-1899	1421	5751	30810	2016	488669	3791	34663	155067	8485	7655	7358	744265	523.761
Total number issued since opening ...	1666	7411	39922	2688	575122	4559	41534	187261	12423	9180	13146	893246	536.16

\*Closed for Stocktaking.

TABLE II.  
Percentages of Issues.

CLASS.	1898-9.	1899-1900.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	1.16	1.11
Science and Art .. ...	5.882	6.12
Sociology ... ..	0.412	0.45
Prose Fiction ... ..	58.108	58.03
Classics, Poetry and the Drama ..	0.529	0.52
History, Biography, and Travels ...	4.649	4.61
Juvenile Literature ... ..	23.55	21.61
Magazines ... ..	2.42	2.64
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	1.047	1.02
Reference Library ... ..	2.228	3.88

TABLE III.  
Occupations of Borrowers.

Accountants ... .. 4	Coach Builders ... .. 9
Actor ... .. 1	Coopers ... .. 2
Agents and Collectors ... 24	Cricket Bat Maker ... 1
Apprentices ... .. 19	Customs and Inland Revenue
Architects and Surveyors 6	Officers ... .. 11
Artists ... .. 3	Cycle Makers ... .. 4
Bakers and Confectioners 11	Designer ... .. 1
Bookbinders ... .. 2	Domestic Servants ... 13
Booksellers and Stationers 6	Drapers and Milliners ... 20
Box Maker ... .. 1	Draughtsmen ... .. 7
Brass Moulder ... .. 1	Dressmakers ... .. 19
Bricklayers ... .. 2	Drysalter ... .. 1
Brokers ... .. 2	Dyer ... .. 1
Builders ... .. 5	Electrical Engineers ... 3
Butchers ... .. 2	Engineers and Mechanics 29
Caretaker ... .. 1	Engravers ... .. 2
Carmen ... .. 2	Furrier ... .. 1
Carpenters and Joiners ... 8	Gardeners... .. 4
Chemists ... .. 10	Grocers ... .. 9
Cigar Dealer ... .. 1	Hairdresser ... .. 1
Clergy and Ministers ... 3	Harness Makers ... .. 2
Clerks, Cashiers, Book-keepers, etc. ... 307	Ironmonger ... .. 1
Clickers ... .. 3	Ivory Workers ... .. 2
Clothiers and Outfitters... 10	Japanner ... .. 1
	Journalists ... .. 5

TABLE III.—Continued.

Labourers ... ..	6	Printers and Compositors	16
Leather Dresser ... ..	1	Printing Ink Maker ...	1
Machinists ... ..	3	Publican ... ..	1
Managers ... ..	7	Publisher ... ..	1
Mantle Makers ... ..	2	Railway Servants ...	6
Mariners ... ..	2	Scholars and Students ...	614
Married Women (so described) ... ..	199	Schoolmasters, Mistresses, etc. ... ..	173
Merchants and Manufacturers ... ..	9	Sculptor ... ..	1
Messengers ... ..	3	Seamstresses ... ..	3
Missionaries and Lay Readers... ..	4	Shop Assistants ... ..	15
Musicians ... ..	7	Solicitors ... ..	2
Nurses ... ..	8	Telephone Operator ...	1
Packers ... ..	3	Toy Maker ... ..	1
Painters and Decorators	5	Tracer ... ..	1
Pattern Maker ... ..	1	Travellers .. ..	19
Photographer ... ..	1	Upholsterer ... ..	1
Physicians and Surgeons	2	Waiter ... ..	1
Pianoforte Makers ...	2	Warehousemen, Salesmen, etc. ... ..	22
Picture Frame Makers ...	2	Watchmakers and Jewel- lers ... ..	5
Plumber ... ..	1	Weaver ... ..	1
Police Constables ...	6	Not stated ... ..	664
Porters ... ..	4		
Post Office Officials ...	30		2440

TABLE IV.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the year.

Under 18 years ... ..	958
From 18 to 25 years...	391
„ 25 „ 30 „ ... ..	221
„ 30 „ 35 „ ... ..	172
„ 35 „ 40 „ ... ..	123
„ 40 „ 45 „ ... ..	91
„ 45 „ 50 „ ... ..	54
„ 50 „ 60 „ ... ..	58
„ 60 and upwards ...	47
Not stated ... ..	325
	2440

TABLE V.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Borrowers left the district	...	...	...	...	...	103
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	5
Guarantors withdrawn	...	..	...	...	...	13
„ left the district	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	...	2311
						<hr/> 2437

## SUMMARY.

Days the Library was open	...	...	...	245
Books issued	...	...	...	148,981
Average daily issue	...	...	...	608.085
Largest „ „ (April 6th, 1899)	...	...	...	930
Smallest „ „ (July 11th, 1899)	...	...	...	314
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	12,415.08
Largest „ „ (March, 1900)	...	...	...	15,359
Smallest „ „ (July, 1899)	...	...	...	9,433
Number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1899				15,002
„ „ added by purchase	...	518		
„ „ „ gift	...	88		
„ Magazines bound	...	108		
„ Pamphlets presented	...	9		
„ „ purchased	...	9		
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Total number added during the year	...	732		
Withdrawn from circulation	...	24		
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Net increase	...	...	...	708
Total number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1900				15,710
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	15
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	233
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	983
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1899	...	...	...	5,027
„ registered during the year	...	2,440	...	
„ cards cancelled and expired	...	2,437	...	
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Net increase	...	...	...	3
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Total number of borrowers on register	...	..		5,030
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## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1899-00.

"A Lady" ... ..						10s. 6d.	
						Vols.	Pamphlets.
Agent-General for Queensland	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Anonymous	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Board of Advertising for the Isle of Man	...	...	...	...	...	6	
British North Borneo Company	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Browne, Messrs. T. B., Queen Victoria Street	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Californian University, Board of Regents of	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Church Missionary Society	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Crisp, Mr. F. A., Denmark Hill, S.E.	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Cundall, Mr. J. W., Essex Street, Strand	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Digby, Long & Co., Bouverie Street, E.C.	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Ellisson, Mrs. C., Romford Road, Forest Gate	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Foote, Miss E. A., Norman Road, Leytonstone	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Forster, Mr. T. E., Hoe Street, Walthamstow	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Foster, Mr. W., Holly Road, Wanstead	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Great Eastern Railway Co.	...	...	...	...	...	8	
(also 3 framed Photocrom pictures and 1 map of the line).							
Greenberg & Co., Chancery Lane	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Harris, Miss, Leyton	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Helmcken, Miss, Capworth Street, Leyton	...	...	...	...	...	15	
Henderson, Mrs., Poppleton Road, Leytonstone	...	...	...	...	...	22	
Higgins, Rev. C. (the Author), Forest Gate	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Hills, Mr. H., B.A., B.Sc. (the Author), Leyton Technical Institute	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Hipwell, Mr. D., St. John's Wood, N...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Holinsworth, Mr. C. B.	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Hutchison, Miss, Drayton Road, Leytonstone	...	...	...	...	...	103	
Labour Department of the Board of Trade	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Lash, Mr. J. A., Wanstead	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Locks, Mr. Councillor, Leytonstone	...	...	...	...	...	1	12
(and a large collection of unbound magazines).							
London Directory Co., Abchurch Lane, E.C.	...	...	...	...	...	1	
London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Lowerison, Mr. H., Witney Road, Leyton	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Maloney, Mr. J. H. R., Stratford	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Manning, Rev. W., "St. Andrew's," Leytonstone	...	...	...	...	...	71	
Maxwell, Mr. W. H. (the Author), Town Hall, Leyton	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Portsmouth Public Library Committee	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Roberts & Co., Nottingham	...	...	...	...	...	20	
Ruskin Museum Committee, Sheffield	...	...	...	...	...	1	

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Salford Public Library Committee ... ..	1	
Sell, Mr. H., Fleet Street, E.C... ..	1	
Slade, Mr. Councillor, Stratford ... ..	2	
Stubbs Publishing Company, New Broad Street, E.C. ... ..	2	
Thirkettle, Mr. G., Carey Road, Leytonstone	1	
University College, Bristol ... ..	1	
Victorian Government Agricultural Department	1	
Webb, Mr. J., Oliver Road, Leyton ... ..	5	

Reports, Catalogues, etc., from the following Public Libraries and Institutions :

Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Ayr, Baillie's Institution (Glasgow), Baltimore (U.S.A.), Bangor (U.S.A), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Brookline (U.S.A.), Buxton, Cambridge (U.S.A.), Cardiff, Carlisle, Chicago (U.S.A.), Chiswick, Christ Church, (Southwark), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Colchester, Cork, Cripplegate Institute, Croydon, Derby, Detroit (U.S.A.), Dewsbury, Doncaster, Ealing, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Harlesden, Holborn, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, Moss Side, (Manchester), Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Oldham Lyceum, Owen's College, (Manchester), Patterson (U.S.A.), Penge, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Putney, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Paul (U.S.A.), St. Saviour's (Southwark), Salem (U.S.A.), Scranton (U.S.A.), Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Australia, South Shields, Southampton, Springfield (U.S.A.), Stafford, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Taunton (U.S.A.), Toronto (Canada), Tottenham, Twickenham, Walthamstow, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wolverhampton, Workington, York.

NOTE—The whole of the above donations are not included in the particulars of additions and stock given on pages 4, 5 and 11.

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PRINTING AND STATIONERY—

Central Library	...	68	2	4
Cann Hall	..	5	13	6
Leytonstone	..	2	15	6
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REPAIRS	...	76	11	4
	..	33	18	11

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES—

Central Library	...	65	18	3
Cann Hall	..	11	12	11
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	...	77	11	2

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES—

Central Library	...	35	18	8½
Cann Hall	..	2	10	1½
Leytonstone	..	2	19	9
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Balance in hand of Treasurer	...	148	11	4½
"	Librarian	1	16	0½
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		41	8	7
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		150	7	5
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		£1441	12	11

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LEYTONSTONE BRANCH.

December, 1899, to March, 1900.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Cleaning	...	1	2	0
Salaries	...	0	11	0
Printing	...	2	15	6
Administration Expenses	...	2	19	9
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		£7	8	3

CANN HALL BRANCH

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Rent	...	...	...	...
Cleaning	...	...	...	...
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...
Salaries	...	...	...	...
Newspapers and Magazines	...	...	...	...
Administration Expenses	...	...	...	...
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		£72	13	11½

# MEMORABILIA.

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Area of the district	...	...	...	...	2491 acres
Estimated Population (March, 1900)	...	...	...	...	100,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£357,598
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	November, 1891
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened...	...	...	...	...	February, 1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...	March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened	...	...	...	...	May, 1898
Book Delivery Station	„	„	...	...	February, 1899
„ „ „ Leytonstone „	„	„	...	...	December, 1899

# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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## Committee and Officers, 1901.

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J. E. GOODINGS.

# Report of the Library Committee.

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Your Committee have very much pleasure in recording another year's successful work. The central establishment, in its three departments of Lending Library, Reference Library, and Reading Room, has had an extended sphere of activity and usefulness. This is particularly so in the case of the Reference Library, where the number of readers during the year was 9394 compared with 5788 the year previous, an increase of 3606. The increased usefulness of this important part of the Library has been helped, in no small degree, the Committee feel assured, by the excellent advice upon books frequently and cheerfully given to students by the Librarian.

The Branch Reading Room and Book Delivery Station in the Cann Hall District, and the Book Delivery Station at Leytonstone, have not proved the success that was anticipated, and scarcely justify the expenditure they incur. No doubt the limitations necessitated by the penny rate, and the unsuitable position of the branch establishments, are to a certain extent answerable for this. If some PASSMORE EDWARDS, or some CARNEGIE would endow us with a suitable building, in the main Leytonstone Road, we should no doubt find the same success awaiting us as has been the case with the Central Library.

The list of donors of books will be found at the end of this Report. The thanks of the Committee are due to these donors for their thoughtful consideration of the needs of the Library. We have room for many more books upon our shelves, and shall be glad to welcome gifts of suitable books at any time.

The catalogue is still found very useful, and a supplementary catalogue will be issued at as early a date as possible.

The Committee acknowledge the enthusiastic and able work of the Librarian and his Staff. The attention and courtesy which they display are invaluable.

HENRY HEATHER,

*Chairman.*

# Librarian's Annual Report.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

In this, the Eighth Annual Report on the work of the Public Library which I have the honour of putting before you, there is no development or extension of especial note to record. The year has nevertheless been, in many respects, one of the most successful in the annals of the Library.

The work has been carried on without friction, and nothing has occurred to interfere with the order and regularity of business.

The number of books in the Library is now 16,947, being an increase of 1,237 volumes, of which, it is pleasing to know, 307 have been presented. Full particulars of these gifts are given on page 11 of this Report.

A most useful and valuable addition to the resources of the Library is the handsome gift of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, consisting of 236 volumes of the Record Publications, and supplementing a grant of 213 volumes made by their Lordships in 1892. These books are now in the Reference Department, where they form a rich source of information respecting the social and political life of the past. One is naturally delighted with such generous gifts, the mere monetary worth of which, apart from their intrinsic value as literature, is such that few, if any, Public Libraries, could afford to purchase them.

The collection of local prints and documents continues to grow, and thanks are due to Mr. VINCENT for the numerous interesting papers he has added to this section of the Reference Department during the year.

Particulars relating to membership, classification, issues, etc., are arranged, as in previous years, in a series of statistical tables which are self-explanatory, and call for little comment.

Table II. however, is of especial interest as showing not only the class of literature read and the alternation of the monthly issues, but also as bringing into prominence the fact that there have been issued considerably over a million books since the opening of the Library. The influences set at work by the dissemination of such a mass of literature are, of course, incalculable—as mental and moral influences, indeed, always are—but of the material benefits it is not so difficult to make an estimate. Estimating the value of each book to be but 3s. 6d., it shows that in addition to the accommodation of the 784,798 readers who have visited the Central News Room, the people of Leyton have had the use of books to the value of £184,948 18s. 6d., for a payment of £8483 15s. 4d., this being the actual amount paid to the Library since its establishment.

The number of books issued during the year was 163,605, representing a daily average of 676.03. These figures show the very satisfactory increase of 14,624 volumes; over 11,000 volumes having been issued from the Lending Library, and nearly 4,000 from the Reference Department, in excess of last year. This is the more pleasing in view of the fact that in recent years there have at times appeared signs of a decreasing circulation.

The addition of 600 juvenile borrowers, and the issue of 36,792 books from the Juvenile Section during the year, proves that the institution is accomplishing a work of much usefulness among the children in our public and private schools, many of whom find in the Library their only means of acquiring information on the subject of their study.

The competition in connection with the Millenary Celebration of King Alfred is proving a great success among the youth of the district, and large numbers of juveniles have been added to the roll of membership, many of them doubtless stimulated to the study of Pre-Norman History in the hope of winning the coveted prizes so kindly offered by Mr. MARVIN, H.M. Inspector of Schools, and the Leyton School Board. In this laudable effort, let it be said, they have been greatly assisted by the special list of books on the subject which this Committee has issued to them.

At the Delivery Stations the work has met with but a moderate degree of success, there having taken place a diminution in both the circulation of books and the attendance at the Branch Reading Room. As such, the Delivery Stations can never take the place of the Library itself. The limited possibilities of the system are obviously unequal to the needs and requirements of the people at large, and until better accommodation can be afforded and more attractive inducement held out to the public, it is to be feared that nothing like the success at first hoped for can be reasonably anticipated. One is here reminded of the suggestion to set up a Branch Library in the Public Baths now in course of erection, and as that building is nearing completion, the question arises whether it is now practicable to take steps to carry out the suggestion. Its realization would mark the attainment of a much desired end.

The Central Reading Room continues to be well patronized. It has been visited by no fewer than 218,775 readers during the twelve months under review, an increase of 17,753 on the previous year; and there is no more gratifying aspect of the work of the institution than the unwavering popularity that this department continues to enjoy.

Acknowledgment should be made of the kindness of the editors and proprietors of various newspapers, of publishers, and of other gentlemen to whom we owe the presence of much acceptable reading on the tables.

In looking back over the last twelve months, one cannot but feel that the Library has not failed in accomplishing the purpose of its existence; and in conclusion, gentlemen, I have to thank the Chairman and every member of the Committee for the unvarying kindness and courtesy they have extended to me during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

TABLE I.  
Number and Classification of Volumes.

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Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	...	...	829
Science and Art	...	...	...	...	...	1728
Sociology	...	...	...	...	...	397
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	...	...	4637
Classics, Poetry, and the Drama	...	...	...	...	...	441
History, Biography, and Travel	...	...	...	...	...	2528
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	...	...	1743
Magazines	...	...	...	...	...	346
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	...	...	503
Reference Library	...	...	...	...	...	3795
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TABLE II.  
Return of Issues with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month,	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso- phy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra- phy and Travels.	Juvenile Litera- ture,	Maga- zines,	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Reference Library.	Total.	Daily Average.
April 1900	19	128	841	56	7412	62	617	2895	344	138	544	13037	686.1
May "	22	142	873	64	7822	88	766	3302	341	140	644	14182	644.6
June "	10	33	261	15	2649	22	257	1053	141	39	299	4769	476.9
July "	22	74	632	48	6058	39	577	2507	193	101	568	10797	490.7
August "	21	90	741	75	6935	59	523	2434	224	117	954	12152	578.6
September "	21	137	884	101	7783	81	593	2731	253	120	882	13565	645.9
October "	22	144	919	116	8335	84	676	3393	306	146	916	15035	683.4
November "	22	163	993	93	9053	71	772	3808	407	201	1047	16608	754.9
December "	20	124	908	67	8023	68	626	3480	374	164	724	14558	727.9
January 1901	22	163	1083	80	8999	69	631	3679	436	141	1009	16290	740.4
February "	19	182	974	90	8240	58	729	3464	360	169	641	14907	784.5
March "	22	172	1013	93	9673	85	824	4046	428	205	1166	17705	804.8
Total 1900-1901	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
" 1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
" 1893-1899	1421	5751	30810	2016	488669	3791	34663	155067	8485	7655	7358	744265	523.76
Total number issued since opening ...	1908	8963	50044	3586	666104	5345	49125	224053	16230	10861	22540	1056851	553.9

TABLE III.  
Percentages of Issues.

CLASS.	1899-1900.	1900-1.
Theology and Philosophy... ..	1'11	'95
Science and Art ... ..	6'12	6'18
Sociology ... ..	'45	'55
Prose Fiction ... ..	58'03	55'61
Classics, Poetry, and the Drama ... ..	'52	'48
History, Biography, and Travel ... ..	4'61	4'64
Juvenile Literature... ..	21'61	22'49
Magazines ... ..	2'64	2'33
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	1'02	1'03
Reference Library ... ..	3'88	5'74

TABLE IV.  
Occupations of Borrowers.

Accountants ... ..	8	Clergy and Ministers ... ..	3
Agents and Collectors ... ..	18	Clerks, Cashiers, etc. ... ..	308
Apprentices and Assistants ... ..	30	Comedian ... ..	1
Architects and Surveyors ... ..	6	Corn, Flour, and Seed Merchants ... ..	4
Artists ... ..	2	Customs and Inland Revenue Officers ... ..	5
Bakers and Confectioners ... ..	4	Cycle Maker ... ..	1
Barmaid ... ..	1	Dairymen... ..	2
Boot and Shoe Makers ... ..	2	Domestic Servants ... ..	14
Bricklayers ... ..	5	Drapers and Milliners ... ..	19
Brushmakers ... ..	2	Draughtsmen ... ..	5
Builders ... ..	3	Dressmakers ... ..	20
Butchers ... ..	2	Electricians ... ..	5
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, and Joiners ... ..	19	Engineers... ..	37
Caretaker ... ..	1	Errand Boys ... ..	12
Carmen ... ..	2	Furnishers ... ..	2
Carriage and Wagon Builders ... ..	7	Furriers ... ..	2
Chemists ... ..	9	Gardener ... ..	1
Civil Servants ... ..	13	Grocers ... ..	13

TABLE IV.—Continued.

Gun Maker ... ..	1	Railway Employees ...	13
Hairdresser ... ..	1	Registrars ... ..	2
Hatters and Hosiers ...	3	Saddler ... ..	1
Ivory Matchers .. ...	2	Salvation Army Officers ..	2
Journalists ... ..	3	Scholars and Students ...	647
Laundress ... ..	1	Schoolmasters, Mistresses,	
Machinists ... ..	17	etc. ... ..	139
Married Women ... ..	378	Secretaries and Managers	9
Master Mariners ... ..	2	Shop Keepers ... ..	4
Mechanics, Labourers, etc.	10	Solicitor ... ..	1
Merchants and Manufac-		Stick Makers ... ..	2
turers ... ..	10	Tailors and Outfitters ...	11
Messengers ... ..	4	Time Keepers ... ..	3
Millwright ... ..	1	Travellers ... ..	25
Mission Workers... ..	3	Typists ... ..	8
Musicians ... ..	9	Waiters, etc. ... ..	8
Nurses ... ..	3	Warehousemen, Salesmen,	
Painters and Decorators..	9	Storekeepers, etc. ...	39
Photographers ... ..	4	Watchmakers and	
Physicians and Surgeons	9	Jewellers ... ..	3
Plumbers ... ..	4	Not stated ... ..	320
Policemen ... ..	2		
Porters ... ..	2		
Post Office Officials ...	15		
Printers, Compositors, etc.	29		
			2347

TABLE V.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the year.

Under 18 years ... ..	998
From 18 to 25 years ... ..	412
„ 25 „ 30 „ ... ..	216
„ 30 „ 35 „ ... ..	128
„ 35 „ 40 „ ... ..	127
„ 40 „ 45 „ ... ..	66
„ 45 „ 50 „ ... ..	46
„ 50 „ 60 „ ... ..	43
„ 60 upwards ... ..	29
Not stated ... ..	282
	2347

TABLE VI.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Borrowers left the district	...	...	...	...	...	126
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	6
Guarantors withdrawn...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ left the district	...	...	..	...	...	1
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	...	2056
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## SUMMARY.

Days the Library was open	...	...	...	242
Books issued...	...	...	...	163,605
Average daily issue...	...	...	...	676.03
Largest daily issue (April 12th, 1900)	...	...	...	1,076
Smallest „ „ (July 31st, 1900)	...	...	...	350
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	13,033.75
Largest „ „ (March, 1901)	...	...	...	17,705
Smallest „ „ (July, 1900)	...	...	...	10,797
Number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1900	...	...	...	15,710
„ „ added by purchase...	...	...	700	
„ „ „ „ gift	...	...	307	
„ magazines bound	...	...	78	
„ pamphlets presented	...	...	203	
„ „ purchased	...	...	1	
Total number added during the year	...	...	1,289	
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...	52	
Net increase...	...	...	...	1,237
Total number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1901	...	...	...	16,947
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	16
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	285
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	831
Borrowers on register, March 31st, 1900	...	...	...	5,030
„ registered during the year	...	...	2,347	
Borrowers' cards cancelled and expired	...	...	2,193	
Net increase...	...	...	...	154
Total number of borrowers on the register	...	...	...	5,184

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1900-1.

	Vols.	Pamphlets
Anonymous ... ..	4	
Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Children ... ..	1	
Mr. James Bird, Walthamstow ... ..	1	
Board of Education ... ..		1
Messrs. T. B. Browne & Co., Ltd., Queen Victoria Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Mr. R. F. Bullen, Public Library, Poplar ... ..	1	
Mr. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P. (the Author) ... ..	1	
Mr. J. H. Choate, American Ambassador (the Author) ... ..	1	
Conservative Central Office, Westminster ... ..	2	
Co-operative Productive Federation, Manchester	1	
Mr. W. Dawson, M.I.C.E., Town Hall, Leyton	1	
Messrs. Digby, Long, & Co., Bouverie Street ...	1	
Mr. J. Passmore Edwards ... ..	1	
Mr. E. H. Essex; A.M.I.C.E. (the Author), Town Hall, Leyton ... ..	1	
Mr. W. W. Frank, Leytonstone... ..	2	
Mr. W. W. Glenney, Barking ... ..	1	
Mrs. Aylmer Gowing (the Author) ... ..	3	
Great Eastern Railway Company 7 vols. and a parcel of handbooks ... ..		
Mr. W. J. Grigg, Leyton ... ..	30	
Mr. F. Guard, Stratford ... ..	1	
Mr. Councillor Heather ... ..	6	
Mr. W. Hill, Leytonstone ... ..	6	
Mr. R. Holdgate, Leyton ... ..	1	3
Mr. C. B. Holinsworth (the Author) ... ..	3	
Mr. Thomas Holloway, New Oxford Street, W.C.	115	songs
Mr. J. Kerr, Bedford Row, W.C. ... ..	1	
Labour Department of the Board of Trade ...	7	
Mr. J. A. Lash, Wanstead ... ..	2	
Mr. Councillor Locks ... ..		1
Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury	236	
Messrs. Mather & Crowther, New Bridge Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Mr. Aylmer Maude, Great Baddow (the Author)	1	3
Mrs. Aylmer Maude, Great Baddow (Translator)	1	
New Brunswick, Agent-General for, ... ..	2	
New South Wales, Agent-General for, ... ..		6

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ... ..	1	
Mr. Councillor Pittam—Collection of Newspaper Cuttings relating to Leyton.		
Mr. A. Pye-Smith (the Author) ... ..	1	
South Australian Department of Mines... ..	2	
Mr. J. R. Tannahill, Leytonstone ... ..	20	
University College, Bristol ... ..	1	
University Correspondence College, Cambridge	2	
West Australia, Agent-General for, ... ..	2	
Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association ...	8	

Reports, Catalogues, etc., from the following Public Libraries and Institutions :—

Aberdeen, Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Ayr, Bangor (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Birmingham Library, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Cambridge (U.S.A.), Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chorley, Christ Church (Southwark), Clerkenwell, Colchester, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Detroit (U.S.A.), Dewsbury, Doncaster, Dunkinfield, Ealing, Eastbourne, Evanston (U.S.A.), Folkestone, Fulham, Gosport and Alverstoke, Hamilton (Canada), Hammersmith, Hanley, Harlesden, Holborn, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington, Limehouse, Lincoln, Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, Moss Side (Manchester), Newark-on-Trent, Nottingham, Paterson (U.S.A.), Penge, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Putney, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles, St. Saviour's (Southwark), Salem (U.S.A.), Scranton (U.S.A.), Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, Sowerby Bridge, Stafford, Streatham, Sydney (N.S.W.), Toronto (Canada), Tottenham, Twickenham, West Ham, Westminster, Willesden Green, Wolverhampton, Yarmouth.

## M E M O R A B I L I A .

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Area of the district	...	...	...	...	...	2491 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	100,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£377,189
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	...	November, 1891
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened	...	...	...	...	...	February, 1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened	...	...	...	...	...	May, 1898
Book Delivery Station	„	„	...	...	...	February, 1899
„ „ „ Leytonstone „	„	„	„	„	„	December, 1899

# Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward—									
Treasurer	...	...	...	148	11	4½	...	100	0 0
Librarian	...	...	...	1	16	0½	...	20	0 0
Income from Rate	...	...	...	150	7	5	...	120	0 0
Fines	...	...	...	1286	4	4	...	93	7 8
Tickets	...	...	...	83	7	8	...	117	7 11
Post Cards	...	...	...	10	10	0	...	6	17 6
Catalogues	...	...	...	1	15	0	...	91	11 2
Lost and Damaged Books	...	...	...	20	0	0	{ Central Library	13	0 0
Advertisements	...	...	...	2	6	3	{ Cannhall Branch	4	18 0
Library Magazine	...	...	...	9	18	0	{ Leytonstone "	...	...
Waste Paper	...	...	...	2	13	8	Insurance	109	9 2
Balance due to Librarian	...	...	...	2	8	5	...	9	0 6
				132	19	0	SALARIES—	...	456 2 9
				1	10	1	Central Library	...	417 18 4
							Cannhall Branch	...	41 10 11
							Leytonstone "	...	27 13 11
							PURCHASE OF BOOKS—	...	487 3 2
							New Books	...	138 18 3½
							Replacements...	...	29 6 6½
							BINDING AND REPAIRS	...	168 4 10
							HAND CART AND SHED	...	57 5 11
							ELECTRO BLOCKS	...	12 10 8
								...	3 0 0

PRINTING AND STATIONERY—

Central Library	...	74	19	11
Cannhall Branch	...	2	12	9
Leytonstone "	...	2	0	9
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REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS AND

19 15 8

FURNITURE ..	...			
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NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES—

Central Library	...	61	16	7
Cannhall Branch	..	11	14	2
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ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Balance in hand of Treasurer

32 16 8½  
180 16 11½

£1571 0 10

15

£1571 0 10

LEYTONSTONE BRANCH.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Cleaning	...	...	...
Salaries	...	...	...
Printing	...	...	...
Administration Expenses	...	...	...
	£41	6	0
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CANNHALL BRANCH.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Rent	...	...	...
Cleaning	...	...	...
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...
Salaries	...	...	...
Newspapers and Magazines	...	...	...
Administration Expenses	...	...	...
	£95	3	2
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Leyton Urban District Council.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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ANNUAL REPORT,  
1902-3.

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LEYTON :  
PHELP BROTHERS, 450, HIGH ROAD.

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1903.

# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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## Committee and Officers, 1903.

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### COMMITTEE:

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COUNCILLOR C. G. MUSGRAVE,  
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COUNCILLOR E. C. PITTAM.

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COUNCILLOR T. TILEY.

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### SUB-LIBRARIAN:

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C. F. SHEPHERD.

### PORTER:

J. F. GOODINGS.

### MESSENGER:

W. STUBBINGTON.

# Report of the Library Committee.

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The Committee have great pleasure in again reporting the continued success and popularity of the Public Library.

The Librarian's Report shows a very satisfactory increase in the number of books issued from the Lending Library, a much more extensive use of the Reference Library, and a steadily growing attendance at the Central Reading Room.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the Branch Reading Room and Delivery Station, and after a very lengthy trial of the experiment, your Committee are now quite convinced that to ensure success, properly equipped branch libraries and reading rooms are required.

With this end in view the Committee have applied to Mr. CARNEGIE, and should that great patron of the Public Library movement render assistance, no time will be lost in establishing branch libraries in the more distant parts of the district.

The Committee desire to again record their high appreciation of the excellent manner in which the work of the Library has been conducted by Mr. MOON, the Librarian, and of the very satisfactory manner in which his assistants have carried out their duties.

A. W. GOLIGHTLY,

*Chairman.*

# Librarian's Annual Report,

## 1902-3.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Report on the work of the Library for the year 1902-3, and, inasmuch as this year completes the first decade of the Library's operations, it may not be inappropriate to give a short resumé of its inception and development.

**Retro-  
spective  
and  
general**

The first steps were taken for the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts in 1891; a Public Meeting was held in the then Town Hall (which is now used as the Reading Room), to discuss the question, with the result that the Local Board was requested to take a poll of the parish. On the 23rd October, 1891, the ratepayers were appealed to, with the result that a majority of 1659 voted in favour of the adoption of the Acts.

Acting upon this mandate, the Local Board levied a rate of  $\frac{1}{2}d.$  in the £1 for the half-year ending September, 1892; your Librarian being appointed to take up his duties on the 1st of the same month.

The purchase of books immediately commenced, and the Local Board having given permission for a Committee Room in the Town Hall to be used as a Temporary Library, the Library was opened with a stock of 5,500 volumes on June 1st, 1893, the issue for the first day being 140, for the first month 3,930, and for the first year 105,263 volumes.

Though cribbed, cabined, and confined, the work of the Library was carried on in this one room until after the completion of the new Town Hall in 1896, when, after necessary alterations, the whole of the present building became available for Library purposes.

The necessary structural alterations were carried out under the direction of Mr. DAWSON, the Council's Surveyor, the result being a commodious Lending and Reference Library, and a large and handsome Reading Room, besides the necessary offices.

On February 24th, 1897, this building was publicly opened by ARNOLD F. HILLS, Esq., the stock of books then being 15,553.

That the public appreciated the opening of the Library, and the much larger number of books placed at their disposal, was evidenced by the immediate influx of a large number of new borrowers, and a correspondingly increased demand for books, and the Committee, anxious that the Library should be a direct benefit to every inhabitant of the district, made the whole of the Library (except adult fiction), available to the children; removing all age limit and other restrictions. That this was, and is, a privilege highly valued, is shown by the large number of children who use the Library. It was a step which, I am pleased to say, has, to some extent, been followed by other Library authorities.

Since that date the Library has continued to grow in usefulness and importance. 1,197,405 readers have visited the Reading Room since the opening in 1897, and no fewer than 1,409,485 volumes have been issued during the decennial period just closed.

With a view to further extending the benefits, and bringing the privileges of the Library within the reach of those residing in distant parts of the district, a branch Reading Room was opened in the Cann Hall Road Schools in May, 1898; a book Delivery Station being established in connection therewith in the following February, followed by a Delivery Station at Kirkdale Road Schools, Leytonstone, in December, 1899.

It cannot be said, however, that either of these efforts has realized the expectations of the Committee; necessarily only a small stock of books could be kept in the Schools, and readers frequently suffered disappointment, and consequently, many found it necessary to take the long journey to the Library in order to obtain the books required.

So few books, indeed, were borrowed from the Leytonstone branch, that in June, 1901, the Committee were reluctantly compelled to close it, while but few books are applied for at Cann Hall, and a decreasing number of readers visit the Reading Room.

This is perfectly understandable. A class room in a Board School, open only in the evening, inconvenient of approach, and practically hidden from the street, is not an ideal place for such a purpose, nor can it ever be expected to meet the wants of the public. What is really required is properly equipped branch Libraries in Cann Hall, Leytonstone, and the distant parts of Leyton. Here we have three large areas with a teeming and ever-increasing population—the population of Cann Hall alone greatly exceeding that of many provincial towns—absolutely deprived of reading unless they are willing to go to the Central Library; and so, I fear, it must ever continue, unless a CARNEGIE, a PASSMORE EDWARDS, or some other generous benefactor come to the Committee's assistance. Certain it is, that the present limitations of the rate will preclude the establishment of any well-equipped branch.

Unfortunately, up to the present time, outside assistance has not been forthcoming, and, more unfortunate still, there are no wealthy residents in our midst who can substantially assist. Hence, every expense since the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts, has had to be defrayed out of the small sum obtained from a 1d. rate; less than £20 representing the total amount received as gifts.

Turning now more particularly to the work of the last twelve months, 1,330 volumes and pamphlets have been added during the year, of which 916 volumes have been acquired by purchase, 290 have been presented, and 68 are magazines bound after use in the Reading Room. **Stock.**

The present stock is 19,029 volumes and pamphlets, divided as follows :—

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	953
Science and Art	...	...	1,881
Sociology	...	...	462
Prose Fiction	...	...	5,111
Classics, Poetry, and the Drama	...	...	463
History, Biography, and Travels	...	...	2,778
Juvenile Literature	...	...	1,958
Magazines	...	...	394
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	600
Reference Library	...	...	4,429
			<hr/> 19,029 <hr/>

#### Donations.

To those who have presented the volumes above referred to, and whose names are appended to this Report, public acknowledgment of our thanks is due. The Library is, however, especially indebted to the Trustees of the British Museum, who have greatly enriched our collection of books on natural history, archæology, etc.; to Mr. D. J. MORGAN, M.P., who keeps the Library up-to-date by regularly sending us parcels of Parliamentary publications dealing with the affairs of the moment; and also to the editors and publishers who so kindly supply free copies of their respective journals for use in the Reading Room.

#### Borrowers

A reference to Tables IV. and V. shows that 2,616 new borrowers have been enrolled, consisting of 782 men, 720 women, 717 boys and 397 girls, and including persons in in every walk of life, and representing a great variety of occupations. This of itself sufficiently indicates the continued and increasing popularity of the institution, but the fact is strongly emphasised by the number of books issued, while an analysis of the statistical tables dealing with the classes of literature read, produces a still greater preponderance of evidence to show that the Library is satisfactorily fulfilling its mission, and is daily extending its usefulness, as well as growing in public favour.

#### Issues.

The number of books issued was 186,398, an increase of 20,162 compared with the previous year, and exceeds by 11,994 the record of any previous year in the Library's history.

Not in number alone, however, should the results be estimated, but rather by the quality of the literature read, and in this respect the very high percentage of non-fictional works issued in previous years, has not only been maintained, but surpassed; the percentage of works of fiction issued being but 52.41.

Even this small percentage is a great exaggeration of the actual amount of fiction reading, for when it is remembered that a person will read half-a-dozen novels during the time necessary for the perusal of a scientific or philosophical work, it will be seen that the percentage of fiction reading reaches but an infinitesimal point. A sufficient answer in itself to the libels which have been published, and the false reports circulated respecting this matter, and should at once dispel any doubt which may have been suggested by the prejudiced opponents of the Public Library movement.

Eminently satisfactory, however, as may be the number of books, and the class of literature issued for home reading, yet of still greater importance is the largely increased number of books consulted in the Reference Library; an increase of 1,303 over the preceding year, and of 791 over the highest previous yearly issue. The books in this department, it must be remembered, are for the student, and for the student alone; people do not come to consult them except for some special purpose, so that, if the work of the Library had been confined to that department alone, it would, of itself, have represented an exceedingly satisfactory phase of the educational work of the institution.

**Reference  
Library.**

The issue of a supplementary catalogue has given great satisfaction to our readers, and has doubtless largely contributed to the satisfactory results above referred to. Compiled, as it is, on a system which, by one reference alone, informs one of what books the Library contains on a given subject, or by any author, readers may see at a glance whether or not the Library contains the book required. The compilation was favourably reviewed by the Press, and has evoked many expressions of commendation from our readers.

**Catalogue**

The Magazine has been regularly issued, and this, together with the various topical lists which are constantly published, keeps our *clientèle* well advised, both as to additions, and to our stock of literature dealing with matters of national or local importance.

**Reading  
Rooms and  
Delivery  
Stations.**

The Central Reading Room continues to maintain its popularity, no fewer than 202,358 readers having visited it during the year.

The Delivery Station at Cann Hall has been somewhat better used. 2,046 volumes have been issued, as compared with 1878 the previous year, while the Branch Reading Room continues to attract but few readers, the total for the year being only 8,010.

**Infectious  
Diseases.**

The notices which are placed in every book issued, and the publicity which has otherwise been given to the treatment of any book which may have been in a house in which a case of infectious disease may occur, should be quite sufficient to guarantee that there is no fear of contagion by the books. Nevertheless, there is a doubt, and even a certain amount of fear entertained by some, that they incur a risk in using the Library during the time of fever, or other epidemic. Too much publicity cannot, therefore, be given to the fact that such books are not received into the Library, but are returned direct to the Medical Officer, to be destroyed or disinfected.

**Staff.**

It gives me pleasure to be again able to report on the excellent manner in which my assistants have carried out their duties. Taking an undoubted interest in their work, the exceptionally heavy work of the year has been carried on smoothly and pleasantly, and with satisfaction to the thousands of persons to be dealt with.

The introduction of lady assistants has been exceedingly satisfactory; they have displayed a diligence and ability which will, I believe, encourage the Committee to appoint lady assistants to fill future vacancies.

This Report would not be complete without an expression of my thanks to the editors of the local press, who have regularly published lists of additions, or particulars of books on special subjects. Not only has this been a means of keeping the Library well before the public, but it has largely contributed to the very satisfactory Report I am privileged to put before you. Nor, gentlemen, can I conclude without expressing my deep sense of the kind consideration and valuable assistance I have received from the Chairman and Members of this Committee.

**Press**

**Committee**

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian*

TABLE I.  
Return of Issues with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philo- sophy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Maga- zines.	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Reference Library.	Total.	Daily Average.
April 1902	21	135	897	83	7634	55	573	3335	490	132	728	14062	669.61
May "	22	143	946	92	7956	70	537	3451	471	163	633	14462	657.36
June "	18	99	666	53	6326	43	377	2549	374	123	467	11077	615.38
July "	22	115	813	81	7110	38	467	3116	336	126	615	12817	582.59
August "	20	92	750	57	7187	39	392	2753	381	149	685	12485	624.25
September "	22	138	944	90	8223	41	537	3356	459	206	790	14784	672
October "	22	190	1177	125	9056	56	665	4588	609	211	906	17583	799.23
November "	21	203	1091	110	8979	57	828	4885	579	230	728	17690	842.38
December "	20	153	918	96	8138	70	717	4430	594	220	757	16093	804.65
January 1903	23	232	1084	130	9556	61	850	5232	743	252	1217	19357	841.61
February "	20	183	1045	102	8562	44	829	4645	680	207	1293	17590	879.5
March "	22	174	1156	109	8966	71	803	4836	694	223	1366	18398	836.27
Total 1902-1903	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25

TABLE II.

Comparative Table of Issues for each Year since the Opening of the Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philo- sophy.	Science and Art.	Sociology	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry and the Drama.	History, Biogra- phy and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Maga- zines.	Miscella- neous Lit- erature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Averages.
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160055	661.131
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
* 1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	...	2940	...	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	...	995	...	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	...	302	...	105263	414.421
Total 1893-1903	2404	12649	71832	5554	854337	6832	63714	310601	27423	14936	41607	1409485	586.308

\*Closed for alterations.

TABLE III.  
Percentages of Issues.

CLASS.	1901-2.	1902-3.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	1'1	'996
Science and Art ... ..	6'2	6'16
Sociology ... ..	'51	'605
Prose Fiction ... ..	54'47	52'41
Classics, Poetry and the Drama ...	'51	'35
History, Biography, and Travels ...	4'22	4'06
Juvenile Literature ... ..	23'69	25'31
Magazines ... ..	2'82	3'44
Miscellaneous Literature... ..	1'1	1'2
Reference Library ... ..	5'35	5'46

TABLE IV.  
Occupations of New Borrowers, 1902-3.

Accountants ... .. 10	Customs and Revenue
Agents and Collectors ... 27	Officers... .. 4
Apprentices and Assistants 60	Cycle Makers ... .. 2
Architects and Surveyors 6	Distiller ... .. 1
Artists and Designers ... 6	Domestic Servants ... 18
Bakers and Confectioners 5	Drapers and Milliners ... 19
Baths Superintendent ... 1	Draughtsmen ... .. 6
Bookbinders ... .. 2	Dressmakers ... .. 24
Boot and Shoe Makers ... 8	Electricians ... .. 5
Builders ... .. 4	Engineers, Fitters, etc. ... 40
Bullet Maker ... .. 1	Errand Boys, etc. ... 25
Butchers ... .. 2	Fishmonger ... .. 1
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters	Florist ... .. 1
and Joiners ... .. 12	Furniture Dealer ... .. 1
Caretakers and Porters... 4	Furriers ... .. 2
Chemists ... .. 5	Greengrocer ... .. 1
Civil Servants ... .. 8	Hairdressers ... .. 2
Clerks, Cashiers, etc. ... 342	Hatters and Hosiers ... 3
Coach Makers ... .. 3	Ironmonger ... .. 1
Cooper ... .. 1	Ivory Workers ... .. 2
Corn Dealer ... .. 1	Journalists ... .. 9

TABLE IV.—Continued.

Labourers ... ..	8	Scholars and Students ...	720
Laundry Employees ...	2	Schoolmasters, Mistresses	
Library Assistant ...	1	and Teachers ... ..	183
Machinists ... ..	17	Shipwright ... ..	1
Married Women ...	192	Soldier ... ..	1
Merchants and Manufac-		Stationers ... ..	4
turers ... ..	23	Tobacconist ... ..	1
Milkman... ..	1	Tailors ... ..	7
Millwright ... ..	1	Tea Dealers ... ..	2
Ministers... ..	2	Telegraphists ... ..	5
Musical Instrument Makers	5	Telephone Attendants ...	2
Musicians ... ..	4	Travellers ... ..	34
Needlewomen ... ..	5	Upholsterers ... ..	2
Nurses ... ..	6	Waiters ... ..	2
Oilman ... ..	1	Warehousemen and Sales-	
Photographers ... ..	2	men ... ..	29
Physicians and Surgeons	4	Watch Makers and	
Plumbers, Painters and		Jewellers ... ..	4
Decorators ... ..	15	Wood Engraver... ..	1
Police Constables ..	4	Not stated .. ..	589
Post Office Officials ...	12		—
Printers, Compositors, etc.	28		2616
Railway Employees ...	17		—
Saddle and Harness Makers	3		

TABLE V.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the year.

Under 18 years ... ..	1070
From 18 to 25 years ... ..	481
„ 25 „ 30 „ ... ..	197
„ 30 „ 35 „ ... ..	170
„ 35 „ 40 „ ... ..	139
„ 40 „ 45 „ ... ..	98
„ 45 „ 50 „ ... ..	62
„ 50 „ 60 „ ... ..	65
„ 60 upwards ... ..	37
Not stated ... ..	297
	2616

TABLE VI.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Borrowers left the district	...	...	...	...	...	117
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	1
Guarantors withdrawn	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	...	2287
						<u>2414</u>

## SUMMARY.

Days the Library was open	...	...	...	253
Books issued	...	...	...	186,398
Average daily issue	...	...	...	736.25
Largest daily issue, December 27th, 1902	...	...	...	1,296
Smallest „ June 13th, 1902	...	...	...	376
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	15,533.17
Largest „ „ January, 1903	...	...	...	19,357
Smallest „ „ June, 1902	...	...	...	11,077
Number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1902	...	...	...	17,739
„ „ added by purchase	...	916	...	
„ „ „ gift	...	290	...	
„ magazines bound	...	68	...	
„ pamphlets presented	...	47	...	
„ „ purchased	...	9	...	
Total number added during the year	...	1330	...	
Withdrawn from circulation	...	40	...	
Net increase	...	...	...	1,290
Total number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1903	...	...	...	19,029
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	19
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	470
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	1,100
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1902	...	...	...	5,555
„ registered during the year	...	2,616	...	
„ cards cancelled	...	2,414	...	
Net increase	...	...	...	202
Total number of borrowers on register	...	...	...	5,757

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1902-3.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Anonymous ... ..	2	
Adams, Capt. W. A. (the Author) ... ..	1	
Alexander, Mr. Councillor, Leyton ... ..		4
Barnes, Mr. G. W. (the Author), Ilford ... ..	1	
Barr, Mr. W., Leytonstone ... ..	1	
Benson, Messrs. J. W., Ludgate Hill, E.C. ... ..	1	
Board of Trade, Labour Department ... ..	4	
Bristol University College ... ..	1	
British Museum, Bloomsbury ... ..	8	
"    "    South Kensington ... ..	64	
Cohen, Mr. C., Leyton ... ..	25	
Co-operative Union, Ltd., Manchester ... ..	1	
Cunnington, Mr. H. J., Braintree ... ..	1	
Dawson, Mr. E. R., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Leyton ... ..	20	
Dawson, Mr. W., M.I.C.E., Town Hall, Leyton ... ..	1	
Great Eastern Railway Co. ... ..	2	
Gristwood, Mrs., Leyton ... ..	6	
Hennah, Mr. A. J., Leyton ... ..	4	
Hill, Mr. H. W. (the Author), Leytonstone ... ..	1	
Holdgate, Mr. R., Leyton ... ..		1
Hutchinson, Mr. A., Chancery Lane, W.C. ... ..	4	
Isle of Man Board of Advertising ... ..	4	
Jarrold & Sons, Norwich ... ..	1	
Kelly, Mr. W. P. (the Author) ... ..	2	
Lamb, Mr. A., Leyton ... ..	1	
Layton, Messrs. C. & E., Farringdon Road, E.C. ... ..	1	
Locks, Mr. J. G., Leytonstone ... ..	(24 parts unbound serials)	
London Music Publishing Stores ... ..	(40 pieces sheet Music)	
Lord's Day Observance Society .. ...	1	1
Macdonald, Messrs. W., & Co., Leadenhall Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Martin, Mr. R. M., Leyton ... ..	6	
Mather & Crowther, New Bridge Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Moody & Co., Bishopgate Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Morgan, Mr. D. J., M.P. ... ..	88	
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ... ..	1	
New England Co., Hatton Garden, E.C. ... ..	1	
New South Wales, Agent-General for ... ..	1	
New Zealand, Agent-General for ... ..	1	
Newland, Mr. H. S., Harlesden Public Library ... ..	1	

			Vols.	Pamphlets.
Paddon, Miss A. L., Leytonstone	...	...	Collection of Music.	
Queensland, Agent-General for	...	...	1	
South-Eastern & Chatham Railway Co.	...	...	2	
Seymour, Mr. J. A., Kilburn Public Library	...	...	1	
Smith, Mr. T., Leyton	...	...	1	
Spottiswoode & Co., Gracechurch Street, E.C.	...	...	1	
Stratford Co-operative & Industrial Society, Ltd.	...	...	1	
Stubbs Publishing Co., New Broad Street, E.C.	...	...	1	
Thompson, Messrs. W. P., & Co., High Holborn, W.C.	...	...	1	
University Tutorial Press, Cambridge	...	...	1	
Vincent, Mr. R., Town Hall, Leyton	...	...	6	
Wall, Mr. R., Leyton	...	...	Unbound Magazines.	
Wilson, Dr. A., South Woodford	...	...	91	
Wire, Mr. A. P., Leytonstone	...	...		1

Reports, Catalogues, etc., from the following Public Libraries and Institutions :

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Arbroath, Aston Manor, Ashton-under-Lyne, Ayr, Bangor (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge (U.S.A.), Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chiswick, Chorley, Clitheroe, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Detroit (U.S.A.), Dewsbury, Dunkinfield, Ealing, Eastbourne, Evanston (U.S.A.), Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hanley, Hartlepool, Hindley, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kensal Rise, Kilburn, Kingston, Leeds, Leicester, Longton, Loughborough, Middlesbrough, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newport (Mon.), New South Wales, Norwich, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Rugby, St. Louis Mercantile Library (U.S.A.), St. Paul (U.S.A.), Scranton (U.S.A.), Shoreditch, Smethwick, Stoke Newington, Sunderland, Taunton (U.S.A.), Toronto (Canada), Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Worcester, York.

## M E M O R A B I L I A .

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Area of the district	...	...	...	...	...	2491 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	100,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£413,278
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	...	November, 1893
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened						February, 1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened					...	May, 1898
Book Delivery Station		„	„	...		February, 1899
„	„	„	Leytonstone	„	...	December, 1899
„	„	„	„	closed	...	June, 1901



# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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## Committee and Officers, 1904.

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# Report of the Library Committee.

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The Committee have the pleasurable duty of reporting a continued success of the Public Library and Reading Rooms.

The Librarian has prepared an exhaustive Report of the year's work, and that we herewith append, together with statistics in tabular form, which should prove interesting and instructive.

The Bill promoted by the District Council, now before Parliament, contains clauses which will enable your Committee to proceed with the erection of two Branch Libraries in suitable centres on the lines indicated, and accompanying the generous offer of Mr. CARNEGIE.

Notwithstanding the increased amount of work imposed upon the staff, the whole business of the Library has been carried on in a most eminently satisfactory manner, and the Committee desire to again record their high appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the Librarian and his assistants.

A. W. GOLIGHTLY,

*Chairman.*

# Librarian's Annual Report,

1903-4.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting my Eleventh Annual Report, it seems but fitting that the generous offer of Mr. CARNEGIE to assist in the extension of the Library's work should have first place.

On July 19th, 1902, I first laid before Mr. CARNEGIE particulars respecting this Institution, and the need for the establishment of branch Libraries in the distant parts of the district, and, after much correspondence, I received a letter from him, offering the sum of £8,000 for the erection of two Libraries, on condition that the Library Rate be increased by  $\frac{1}{2}d.$  in the £ per annum, and that sites for the buildings be provided without burdening the Library's income.

This generous offer the Council unanimously accepted, and their application to Parliament for power to increase the rate was cheerfully approved by the ratepayers at the Statutory Meeting held on January 12th, 1904; while, as to the sites, Mr. EDWARD JONES, of Leyton, immediately promised to give land for the erection of one Library, and it is hoped that no difficulty will be experienced in obtaining the second site, so that, in all probability, before another twelve months have elapsed, two additional Libraries will be in course of erection.

On some future occasion the generosity of these gentlemen will be more fully acknowledged ; but in the circumstances, I feel that this opportunity should not be missed of making mention of the great boon they have conferred upon the district, and how highly their gifts are appreciated, not only by the Council, but by everyone who has the welfare of the district at heart, or takes the least interest in the higher education of the people.

Turning to the actual work of the year, it is my privilege to again report progress in every department ; a good addition to our stock ; a largely increased issue of books, and a much greater use of the Reading Room.

Last year I gave a *resumé* of the whole work of the Library since its inception, and showed how rapidly and how enormously the issue of books had increased. It was then thought that the highest point in our circulation had been reached for many years, even if so large an output could be maintained. This year, however, shows a still higher leap, the total issue being 189,198.

These figures show that, although the Library has been open but 245 days as compared with 253 days in the previous year, the issue has been increased by nearly 3,000 volumes ; a net increase of 84,995 since my first annual statement was laid before you. Such an eminently satisfactory state of affairs must be exceedingly gratifying to all concerned, and especially so when the class of literature read is considered. The issue of works of fiction still remains at the low level of 52 per cent., while other and better literature is in increasing demand. Especially is this apparent in the use made of the books in the Reference Library. As I have previously pointed out, this department is used by students only, and when it is seen that the number of works annually consulted in that room is now nearly quadruple what it was a few years ago, it will at once be conceded that the Library forms an important factor in Leyton's scheme for higher education.

The reasons which enable me to place so satisfactory a statement before you may be attributable to many causes.

The visits of literary societies and other bodies of ratepayers, the exhibitions of books, the issue of special

lists, and the notices of particular books in the Press, have all been contributory; but most important of all has been the acquisition of an increased number of good and useful books—books required by everybody, yet too expensive to be possessed by the ordinary individual. Certain it is that, in this instance, the supply has very largely created the demand.

The total stock now consists of 20,372 volumes, representing an increase of 1,343 during the year. Of the additions, 1,120 have been acquired by purchase, 178 have been presented by the generous donors whose names appear on page 16 of this Report, while 90 represent magazines bound after use in the Reading and Reference Rooms.

Though I have previously dealt with our work among the school children, it is a matter of too great importance not to be mentioned in this Report. The work has been continued with marked success, no fewer than 48,942 books having been issued from the "Juvenile" Library, which, considering the great distance of some of the schools, is a decidedly satisfactory record, and eloquently testifies to the avidity for reading among the rising generation.

The substitution of good books for the trashy novelettes which formerly formed so large a part of the children's recreative reading is one of the most encouraging features in this connection; it also evidences the need for extension—a larger stock of books, and facilities whereby the children may be enabled to obtain their books either in or near to the school they attend.

The scheme now under consideration by the Education Committee tends to this, and if carried out will be an enormous advantage to the children, and will help to make the Library a more important and necessary part of the educational work of the district.

The work at Cann Hall has been of a more satisfactory character than heretofore: 2,657 books have been issued, an increase of 611 on the year, while 7,111 readers have visited the Reading Room.

It gives me pleasure to again testify to the satisfactory manner in which my assistants have carried out their work. Notwithstanding that the work has enormously increased since any addition was made to the staff, by the willing co-operation of those who serve with me, every emergency has been met.

In giving reasons for the phenomenal success of the Library I incidentally mentioned that the notices in the Press formed an important factor, and for the courtesy with which the editors of the local newspapers have always lent their columns to further the interests of the Library, they deserve, and are hereby tendered, many thanks.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I wish to express my deep sense of obligation to the Chairman, and every member of this Committee for their assistance, and for the courteous consideration at all times given to any matter I may have suggested.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

TABLE I.

Number and Classification of Volumes in the Library.

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Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	1014
Science and Art	...	...	...	2027
Sociology ...	...	...	...	520
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	5332
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	473
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	3025
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	2054
Magazines and Reviews	...	...	...	424
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	641
Reference Library	...	...	...	4862
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				20372
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TABLE II.  
Return of Issues with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra-phy and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Maga-zines.	Miscel-laneous Litera-ture.	Reference Library.	Total.	Daily Average.
April, 1903	19	177	945	98	8545	68	549	4165	652	167	1058	16424	864.42
May "	22	140	876	98	8840	84	614	4438	639	185	1130	17044	774.73
June "	14	61	348	32	3885	21	267	1977	247	88	424	7350	563.05
July "	19	91	619	48	6040	28	381	3070	428	142	603	11450	602.63
August "	21	112	702	48	7300	45	428	3111	481	140	730	13097	623.66
September "	21	143	824	70	8008	68	508	3676	558	163	969	14987	713.66
October "	23	224	1025	169	9908	98	646	5099	701	240	1279	19389	843
November "	21	194	950	169	8965	94	716	4949	553	264	1128	17982	856.28
December "	20	144	786	99	8357	84	610	4292	512	179	791	15854	792.7
January, 1904	22	194	969	132	9254	88	679	4301	533	219	865	17234	783.36
February "	21	165	1108	144	9620	82	781	4760	639	253	1045	18597	885.57
March "	22	169	1112	109	10387	91	773	5104	682	271	1092	19790	899.55
Totals 1903-1904	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23

TABLE III.

Comparative Table of Issues for each Year since the Opening of the Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Sociology	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travels.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Averages.
1903-4	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661.131
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
* 1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	...	2940	...	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	...	995	...	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	...	302	...	105203	414.421
Totals 1893-1904	2649	14463	82096	6770	953446	7683	70666	359543	34048	17247	52721	1598683	603.5

\* Closed for alterations.

TABLE IV.

Percentages of Issues.

CLASS.	1902-3.	1903-4.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·996	·96
Science and Art ... ..	6·16	5·43
Sociology ... ..	·605	·64
Prose Fiction ... ..	52·41	52·38
Classics, Poetry and the Drama ...	·35	·45
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	4·06	3·68
Juvenile Literature ... ..	25·31	25·87
Magazines ... ..	3·44	3·5
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	1·22	1·26
Reference Library ... ..	5·46	5·88

TABLE V.

Occupations of New Borrowers, 1903-4.

Accountants ... .. 9	Clerks, Book-keepers, &c. 349
Actuary ... .. 1	Coach Builder .. .. 1
Advertising Inspector ... 1	Coal Merchants ... 2
Agents and Collectors ... 19	Coffee-house Keepers ... 2
Apprentices and Assistants 39	Commissionaire ... 1
Artists and Designers ... 3	Cooper ... .. 1
Auctioneers ... .. 2	Coppersmiths ... .. 2
Bakers ... .. 3	Cycle Makers ... .. 2
Boat Builder ... .. 1	Dairyman ... .. 1
Boot Maker ... .. 1	Domestic Servants ... 20
Brass Finisher ... .. 1	Drapers and Milliners ... 12
Contractors ... .. 6	Draughtsmen ... .. 3
Brush Maker ... .. 1	Dressmakers, &c. ... 57
Builders ... .. 9	Engineers, Fitters, &c. ... 41
Butchers ... .. 7	Firemen ... .. 3
Carmen ... .. 2	Florists and Gardeners... 5
Carpenters and Joiners ... 16	Foremen ... .. 8
Chemists and Druggists 8	Gold Stamper ... .. 1
Civil Servants ... .. 12	Grocers and Oilmen ... 23
Clergy and Ministers ... 4	Hairdressers ... .. 4

TABLE V.—Continued.

Customs and Inland				Scientific Instrument			
Revenue Officers ...	4			Maker ...	...	...	1
Hosiers ...	2			Smiths ...	...	...	3
Ivory Cutters ...	2			Solicitor ...	...	...	1
Journalists ...	2			Sorters ...	...	...	2
Library Assistants ...	2			Spring Mattress Maker...	...	...	1
Lighterman ...	1			Spring Maker ...	...	...	1
Managers ...	16			Stamp Maker ...	...	...	1
Manufacturers ...	2			Stock Jobber ...	...	...	1
Mariner ...	1			Storekeepers and Time-			
Married Women...	258			keepers ...	...	...	5
Musicians ...	5			Surveyors ...	...	...	3
Nurse ...	1			Swimming Instructress...	...	...	1
Office Boys, Messengers,				Tailors, Tailoresses, Cut-			
&c. ...	12			ters, &c. ...	...	...	16
Painters and Plumbers..	13			Tea Sampler ...	...	...	1
Paper Stainer ...	1			Telegraphists ...	...	...	11
Pattern Card Mounter ...	1			Tie Maker ...	...	...	1
Pawnbroker ...	1			Timber Merchant ...	...	...	1
Photographer ...	1			Tobacconists ...	...	...	2
Physician and Surgeon...	1			Travellers ...	...	...	37
Picture-frame Makers ...	3			Upholsterers ...	...	...	2
Police Officers ...	5			Waiters, Waitresses, &c.	...	...	8
Polisher ...	1			Warehousemen and			
Porter ...	1			Salesmen ...	...	...	32
Printers, Compositors, &c.	16			Watchmakers and			
Publicans ...	2			Jewellers ...	...	...	2
Publisher ...	1			Wheelwrights ...	...	...	2
Railway Employees ...	19			Not stated ...	...	...	449
Saddlers ...	2						
Scholars and Students ...	827						
Schoolmasters, Mistresses							
and Teachers ...	165						
Shorthand Writers and							
Typists ...	9						

TABLE VI.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the year.

Under 18 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	1131
From 18 to 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	419
„ 25 „ 30 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	220
„ 30 „ 35 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	171
„ 35 „ 40 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
„ 40 „ 45 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
„ 45 „ 50 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
„ 50 „ 60 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
„ 60 upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Not stated	...	...	...	...	...	...	274
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TABLE VII.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Borrowers left the district	...	...	...	...	...	119
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	5
Guarantors withdrawn	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ left the district	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	...	2404
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## SUMMARY.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	...	245
Books issued	...	...	...	...	189,198
Average daily issue	...	...	...	...	772'23
Largest " " March 31st, 1904	...	...	...	...	1,362
Smallest " " July 10th, 1903	...	...	...	...	362
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	...	15,766'5
Largest " " March, 1904	...	...	...	...	19,790
Smallest " " June, 1903	...	...	...	...	7,350
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1903	...	...	...	...	19,029
" " added by purchase	...	...	...	1,095	
" " " gift	...	...	...	124	
" magazines bound	...	...	...	90	
" pamphlets purchased	...	...	...	25	
" " presented	...	...	...	54	
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Total number added during the year	...	...	...	1,388	
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...	...	45	
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Net increase	...	...	...	...	1,343
Total number of volumes in Library, March 31st, 1904	...	...	...	...	20,372
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	...	14
Books taken away by borrowers and paid for by guarantors	...	...	...	...	4
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	...	595
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	...	788
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1903	...	...	...	...	5,757
" registered during the year	...	...	...	2,644	
" cards cancelled or expired	...	...	...	2,546	
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Net increase	...	...	...	...	98
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Total number of borrowers on Register	...	...	...	...	5,856

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## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1903-4.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Anonymously ... ..	1	
Bailey, Sir William H., Sale Hall, Cheshire ...		1
Board of Trade, Labour Department ... ..	5	
Brand, Mr. F. J., Ilford ... ..		1
Bristol University College ... ..	1	
British Museum, Bloomsbury ... ..	6	
"          "          South Kensington ... ..	2	
Browne, Messrs. T. B., & Co., Queen Victoria Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto	1	
Cape Colony, Secretary for Agriculture ...	1	
Cheek, Mr. H. B., Leytonstone ... ..	1	
Choate, Hon. Joseph H., American Ambassador	4	
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester ...	1	
Comyn, Mr. C. A., Leyton .. ..	6	
"Daily Chronicle," Publishers of ... ..		1 map.
Doveton, Mr. F. B. (The Author), per Messrs. Baker & Son, Clifton ... ..	1	
Duncan, Mr. D. R., Leyton ... ..	1	
Gannon, Mr. J. P. (The Author), per Messrs. T. Fisher Unwin ... ..	1	
Gerish, Mr. W. B., Bishop's Stortford ... ..	1	
Glenny, Mr. W. W., Barking ... ..	1	
Gould, Mr. I. C., Loughton ... ..		1
Great Yarmouth, Corporation of ... ..	1	
Head, Mr. B., per Messrs. R. Brimley Johnson	1	
Hillis, Mr. H., B.Sc., B.A., Leyton ... ..		1
Holmes, Mrs., Leyton ... ..	2	
Jessett, Mr. M. G., Enfield ... ..	1	
Layton, Messrs. C. & E., Farringdon Street, E.C.	1	
Leaver, Mr. J., Leyton ... ..		1
Levy, Miss J., Leytonstone .. ..	1	1 piece of music.
London Directory Co., Abchurch Lane, E.C.	1	
London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews ... ..	1	
Mather & Crowther, Messrs., New Bridge Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Morgan, Mr. D. J., M.P. (Parliamentary Papers, etc.) .. ..	140	
Natal, Agent-General for ... ..	1	
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ... ..	1	
National Union of Teachers ... ..	1	

## DONORS.—Continued.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
New South Wales, Agent-General for ... ..	1	
New Zealand, Agent-General for ... ..	6	1
and 14 parts of the "New Zealand Mines Record."		
Perry, Messrs. W. & Co., Crutched Friars, E.C.	1	
Preece, Mr. G., Stoke Newington Public Library	1	2 prints.
Pritchard, Mr. C. H. (The Author), Walthamstow	1	
Prosser, Mr. R. B., Dartmouth Park Road, N.W.	1	
Shadrake, Mr. W. G., Leyton ... ..	1	
Smith, Mr. W., Town Hall, Colchester ... ..		3
Society of Accountants and Auditors ... ..	1	
Stubbs' Publishing Co., New Broad Street, E.C.	1	
Sturdy, Mr. F. J., Finsbury Pavement, E.C. ...	2	
Stationery Office, H.M. (Parliamentary Papers, &c.) ... ..	39	
Swansea, Corporation of ... ..	1	
Tonic Solfa College, Finsbury Square, E.C. ...	1	
Vincent, Mr. R., Leyton ... ..	18	
Walthamstow School Board ... ..	1	
West Ham Board of Guardians ... ..	1	
West Ham Public Library Committee... ..	1	
Western Australia, Agent-General for ... ..	3	
Worshipful Company of Plumbers ... ..	1	

Reports, Catalogues, &c., from the following Public Libraries and Institutions:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Bangor (U.S.A.), Battersea, Belfast (Public Library), Belfast (Linen Hall Library), Birmingham, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighouse, Bristol, Bury, Cambridge (U.S.A.), Cardiff, Chicago, Chiswick, Chorley, Clitheroe, Colchester, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dewsbury, Dunkinfield, Ealing, Evanston, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hanley, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kensal Rise, Kilburn, Leeds, Longton, Loughborough, New South Wales, New York (U.S.A.), Newark, Paterson (U.S.A.), Perth, Plymouth, Port Elizabeth, Preston, Richmond, St. Paul (U.S.A.), Salem (U.S.A.), Scranton (U.S.A.), Shoreditch, Stafford, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Swindon (G.W.R. Mechanics' Institution), Taunton (U.S.A.), Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Worcester, York,

## M E M O R A B I L I A .

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Area of the district	...	...	...	...	...	2491 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	100,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£448,168
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	November,	1893
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	July,	1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	June,	1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened					February,	1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...	March,	1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened				...	May,	1898
Book Delivery Station		„	„		February,	1899
„	„	„	Leytonstone	„	December,	1899
„	„	„	„	closed	...	June, 1901

# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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# Report of the Library Committee.

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The Committee again report continued success of the Public Library and Reading Rooms.

An exhaustive Report of the Librarian we herewith append, from which the public will be able to glean much interesting information concerning the work to be done.

One of our new Branch Libraries is now in course of erection in Lea Bridge Road, and we hope to commence the other one in Leytonstone very shortly.

On behalf of the Committee and the public, I desire to place on record sincere thanks to Mr. EDWARD JONES for his generous gift of land for the Lea Bridge Branch.

An entire absence of complaint from any source, again enables us to record our appreciation of the manner in which the whole of our staff discharge their duties.

A. W. GOLIGHTLY,

*Chairman.*

# Librarian's Annual Report,

1904-5.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you my Twelfth Annual Report on the work of, and events connected with the Leyton Public Library. In last year's statement it was my privilege to report that Mr. CARNEGIE had promised the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds Sterling (£8,000) for the erection of two branch libraries within the district, conditionally upon Parliamentary powers being obtained to increase the Library Rate, and sites being provided free of any charge upon the Library funds.

The first and most important of these conditions has now been complied with, and as to the second, a parcel of land having a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of nearly 200 feet has been generously given by Mr. EDWARD JONES for the branch in the Lea Bridge district. Plans for this building having been prepared by the Architect and approved by the Council, arrangements are now being made for commencing building operations. As to the Leytonstone Branch, it is hoped that a site will soon be secured, and that equal generosity will be experienced in the matter as has been shown by Mr. JONES.

I now turn to the actual work of the Library, and, as in previous years, I have included in this Report a series of tables illustrative of the stock, borrowers, issues, etc.

In addition to a large number of books which have been purchased for the branches, the stock of the Central Library has been increased from 20,372 to 22,012 volumes, no fewer than 206 of these having been presented during the year.

Public announcement of the additions having already been made, it would be superfluous to enumerate them here. Reference must, however, be made to the acquisition of the various documents formerly in the possession of the Overseers, now, for the first time, rendered available for public use. These comprise documents and records of paramount importance to Leyton's future historians, and of great interest to the lover of the curious.

Among the changes in our economy has been the extension of the time allowed for reading books borrowed from all classes of literature except fiction and juvenile. This alteration has had the natural result of reducing the issues from the sections affected, though not to such an extent as was anticipated, the total output for the year being 179,142, as compared with 189,198 last year.

The period allowed for reading having been doubled, has done away with the necessity for renewal, consequently the record of an issue is lost. A fair average for this might be to suppose a reduction of one half the issue; but taking the more modest figure of one fourth, and excluding fiction altogether from our reckoning, it shows a very real and a very considerable increase.

Very important factors in bringing the contents of the Library under the readers' notice are the periodical issue of lists of books on topical subjects, and special class lists, as well as the regular announcement of additions published in our "Library Magazine." The counter catalogues being also kept quite up to date, readers have every facility of knowing what the library really contains.

As to the borrowers, of which over 2,500 new ones have been enrolled, reference to tables V. and VI. will show that they are persons representing nearly every trade and profession, and of all ages. Their geographical distribution is as follows :—

Cann Hall	...	...	...	405
Harrow Green	...	...	...	346
Leyton	...	...	...	968
Leytonstone	...	...	...	799
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In addition to those who have used the Libraries, 221,117 readers have visited the Central, and 7,054 the Cann Hall Reading Room.

Mr. HATTON's appointment as Librarian of the Lower Sydenham Branch of the Lewisham Public Libraries, Mr. Shepherd's transference to the Rate Office, and the preparatory arrangements for the Branch Libraries have rendered necessary both changes and additions to the staff, every member of which has worked loyally and well in an attempt to further the use and popularity of the institution.

It is but a highly deserved compliment that mention should be made of the kindness and assistance rendered by the Editors of the Press, who, with an unvarying courtesy have lent their columns to the promotion and success of the Library, while to the Chairman and every member of this Committee my thanks are due for the kind consideration and support they have afforded me during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z MOON,

*Librarian.*

*March 31st, 1905.*

TABLE I.

Number and Classification of Volumes in the Library.

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Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	1098
Science and Art ...	...	...	...	2163
Sociology ...	...	...	...	582
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	5779
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	484
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	3290
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	2203
Magazines	...	...	...	458
Miscellaneous Literature...	...	...	...	704
Reference Library	...	...	...	5251
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TABLE II  
Return of Issues with Monthly Totals and Daily Averages, 1904-5.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1904	20	149	990	110	9250	91	634	4413	498	199	909	17243	862.15
May "	21	163	930	100	8871	80	656	4312	468	163	861	16604	790.67
*June "	12	63	376	39	3683	28	233	1720	201	60	421	6824	565.96
July "	20	79	529	44	6252	36	366	3076	332	119	531	11364	568.2
August "	21	108	546	57	7235	40	397	2899	335	123	625	12365	588.8
September "	22	118	679	63	8887	61	526	3806	448	149	872	15609	709.43
October "	22	137	835	91	9596	87	613	4548	434	173	746	17260	784.53
November "	21	138	739	96	8894	83	503	4445	473	203	720	16294	775.89
December "	22	122	820	83	8873	74	525	4129	414	140	741	15921	723.68
January, 1905	22	129	732	85	9084	64	523	3834	434	152	780	15817	718.95
February "	20	125	899	103	9194	74	568	3803	435	174	884	16259	812.95
March "	22	145	861	72	10109	69	570	4190	513	182	871	17582	799.18
Totals 1904-1905	245	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8961	179142	731.19

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE III.

Comparative Table of Issues for each Year since the Opening of the Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry and the Drama.	History, Biogra-phy and Travels.	Juvenile Litera-ture.	Magazines.	Miscella-neous Lit-erature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1904-5	245	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8961	179142	731.19
1903-4	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160055	661.131
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
* 1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	...	2940	...	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	...	995	...	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	...	302	...	105263	414.421
Totals 1893-1905	2894	15939	91032	7713	1053374	8470	76780	404718	39033	19084	61682	1777825	614.31

\* Closed for alterations.

TABLE IV.

Percentages of Issues.

CLASS.	1903-4.	1904-5.
Theology and Philosophy... ..	·96	·823
Science and Art ... ..	5·43	4·98
Sociology ... ..	·64	·526
Prose Fiction ... ..	52·38	55·78
Poetry, Classics and the Drama ... ..	·45	·439
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	3·68	3·41
Juvenile Literature... ..	25·87	25·21
Magazines ... ..	3·5	2·78
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	1·26	1·02
Reference Library ... ..	5·88	5·002

TABLE V.

Occupations of Borrowers enrolled, 1904-5.

Accountants ... .. 15	Clergy, Missioners, &c. ... 7
Actors ... .. 2	Clerks, Book-keepers, &c. 392
Agents and Collectors ... 18	Confectioners ... .. 4
Apprentices and Assistants 24	Contractor ... .. 1
Architects and Surveyors.. 4	Corn Dealers, &c. ... 3
Artists and Designers ... 6	Cricketer ... .. 1
Auctioneer ... .. 1	Customs and Inland
Bass Dresser ... .. 1	Revenue Officials ... 3
Beer Retailers ... .. 2	Cycle Makers ... .. 4
Blacksmith ... .. 1	Dentist ... .. 1
Boiler Makers ... .. 5	Dock Official ... .. 1
Bookbinders ... .. 4	Domestic Servants ... 8
Boot and Shoe Makers ... 8	Drapers and Milliners ... 32
Bricklayers ... .. 5	Draughtsmen ... .. 4
Builders ... .. 2	Dressmakers ... .. 26
Caretakers ... .. 3	Electricians ... .. 10
Carmen ... .. 3	Engine Drivers & Firemen 4
Carpenters and Joiners .. 18	Engineers... .. 19
Chemists ... .. 12	Engravers and Etchers ... 7
Civil Servants ... .. 13	Foremen ... .. 2

TABLE V.—Continued.

Furrier ... ..	1	Post Office Officials ...	10
Grocers and Tea Dealers..	9	Printers and Compositors..	17
Groom ... ..	1	Private Detectives ...	2
Hairdressers ... ..	2	Railway Employees ...	8
Hatters ... ..	2	Registry Office Keepers...	2
Instrument Maker ...	1	Sanitary Inspector ...	1
Ironmongers ... ..	2	Scholars and Students ...	655
Ivory Workers ... ..	2	Schoolmasters, Mistresses	
Journalists ... ..	5	and Teachers ... ..	149
Lamplighter ... ..	1	Shopkeepers & Assistants	11
Library Assistants ...	4	Shorthand Writers and	
Machinists ... ..	18	Typists ... ..	15
Managers ... ..	2	Solicitors ... ..	3
Mariners ... ..	2	Stationers... ..	3
Married Women ..	294	Stewards and Stewardesses	2
Merchants ... ..	3	Surgeons ... ..	2
Metal Worker ... ..	1	Tailors, Cutters, &c. ...	7
Meter Inspector ... ..	1	Telegraphists ... ..	6
Musicians and Music		Telephone Operators ...	2
Teachers ... ..	8	Tobacconists ... ..	3
Nurses ... ..	3	Travellers... ..	23
Office Boys and Messengers	15	Waiters, Waitresses, &c....	8
Oilmen ... ..	4	Warehousemen and Sales-	
Optician ... ..	1	men ... ..	26
Painters and Decorators...	12	Watchmakers & Jewellers	5
Pensioners ... ..	2	Window Cleaner... ..	1
Photographers ... ..	2	"X" Ray Operator ...	1
Pianoforte Manufacturer...	1	Yacht Outfitter ... ..	1
Plasterers... ..	3	Not stated ... ..	465
Platelayer... ..	1		
Plumbers and Gasfitters...	8		
Police Constables ...	3		

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TABLE VI.

Ages of Borrowers enrolled during the year.

Under 18 years of age	...	...	...	...	...	1033
From 18 to 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	419
„ 25 „ 30 „	...	...	...	...	...	235
„ 30 „ 35 „	...	...	...	...	...	175
„ 35 „ 40 „	...	...	...	...	...	142
„ 40 „ 45 „	...	...	...	...	...	99
„ 45 „ 50 „	...	...	...	...	...	63
„ 50 „ 60 „	...	...	...	...	...	56
„ 60 upwards	...	...	...	...	...	27
Not stated	...	...	...	...	...	269
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TABLE VII.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Borrowers left the District	...	...	...	...	...	144
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	6
Guarantors withdrawn...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancelled, expired, and not called for			...	...	...	2983
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## SUMMARY.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	...	245
Books issued	...	...	...	...	179,142
Average daily issue	...	...	...	...	731.19
Largest " " April 7th, 1904	...	...	...	...	1,200
Smallest " " July 8th, 1904	...	...	...	...	398
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	...	14,928.5
Largest " " March, 1905	...	...	...	...	17,582
Smallest " " June, 1904	...	...	...	...	6,824
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1904...					20,372
" " added by purchase				1,403	
" " " gift	...			160	
" magazines bound	...	...		96	
" pamphlets purchased	...			13	
" " presented	...			46	
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Total number added during the year	...			1,718	
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...		78	
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Net increase	...	...	...	...	1,640
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1905					22,012
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	...	13
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	...	680
Notices sent for overdue books	...	...	...	...	861
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1904	...	...			5,856
" registered during the year				2,518	
" cards cancelled or expired				3,139	
Decrease	...	...	...	...	621
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Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1905					5,235

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## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1904-5.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Anonymous ... ..	3	
Ayton, Mr. J. G., Leyton... ..	1	
Best, Rev. K. Digby (The Author), Brompton Oratory ... ..	1	
Boulton, Mr. W., Junior, Leytonstone ... ..	1	
British Museum Trustees ... ..	9	
Burleigh, Mr. Thomas, Strand ... ..	1	
Canterbury Chamber of Trades ... ..	1	
Choate, Hon. Joseph H., American Ambassador	1	
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester	1	
Davey, Mr., Leyton ... ..	1	
Dawson, Mr. W., Town Hall, Leyton ... ..	1	
Farrer, Dowager Lady ... ..	1	
Fisher, Messrs., Eden, & Co. ... ..	1	
Gerish, Mr. W. B., Bishop's Stortford ... ..	1	
Great Eastern Railway Company ... ..	6	
Groser, Mr. W. H., Sunday School Union ... ..	2	
Harper & Bros., Messrs., London ... ..	1	
Hennah, Mr. Councillor, Leyton... ..	36	
Holdgate, Mr. R., Leyton ... ..	6	
Labour Department, Board of Trade ... ..	2	
Layton, Messrs. C & E., 56, Farringdon Street, E.C.	2	
Locks, Mr. J. G., Leytonstone ... ..	5	
London Directory Company, Limited, Abchurch Lane, E.C. ... ..	3	
London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews ... ..	1	
Mather & Crowther, Messrs., New Bridge Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Morgan, Mr. D. J., M.P. (Parliamentary Papers, etc.) ... ..	29	
Musgrave, Mr. Alderman (Minutes of Court of Arbitration, Metropolis Water Act, in parts)		
National British Women's Temperance Association	8	
National Union of Teachers ... ..	1	
New South Wales, Agent-General for ... ..	1	
New Zealand, Agent-General for... ..	11	
Palmer, Miss, Leyton ... ..	7	
Palmer, Mr. C. F. (The Author), U.S.A. ... ..	1	
Religious Tract Society ... ..	1	
Shorter, Mr. N., Leytonstone ... ..	21	
Society of Accountants and Auditors ... ..	1	
South Australia, Agent-General for ... ..	1	

## DONORS—Continued.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Truscott, Messrs. J., & Son, Ltd., Suffolk Lane, E.C. ... ..	1	
University College, Bristol ... ..	1	
University Tutorial Press... ..	1	
Walthamstow Education Committee ... ..	2	
H.M. Stationery Office (Parliamentary Papers, etc.) ... ..	423	

Reports, Catalogues, etc., from the following Public Libraries and Institutions:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Bangor (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Belfast Linen Hall Library, Birmingham, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge (U.S.A.), Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chicago (U.S.A.), Chiswick, Chorley, Clitheroe, Colchester, Cripplegate Institute, Croydon, Derby, Detroit (U.S.A.), Dewsbury, Dunkinfield, Ealing, Eastbourne, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstone, Hammersmith, Hanley, Hartlepool, Hindley, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kensal Rise, Kilburn, Kingston-on-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Longton, Loughborough, New South Wales, New York, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Paterson (U.S.A.), Perth, Plymouth, Port Elizabeth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, St. Paul (U.S.A.), Salem (U.S.A.), Scranton (U.S.A.), Shoreditch, Stafford, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Willesden Green, Worcester, Wimbledon, Yarmouth, York.

## MEMORABILIA.

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Area of the district	...	...	...	...	...	2491 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	103,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£477,634
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	...	November, 1893
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened						February, 1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened					...	May, 1898
Book Delivery Station		„		„	...	February, 1899
„	„	„	Leytonstone	„		December, 1899
„	„	„	„	closed	...	June, 1901

# FORM OF BEQUEST.

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*I give and bequeath to the Leyton Urban District Council in the County of Essex, out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated for the purpose, the sum of*

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*free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the said Council, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.*

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*Donations may be notified to the Librarian, Public Library, Leyton, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.*

# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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## COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1906-7.

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# Librarian's Annual Report,

1905-1906.



*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour of laying before you my Thirteenth Annual Report on the work of the Leyton Public Libraries. The year under review has been one of the most eventful and successful in the history of the Library, and has witnessed an eminently satisfactory extension of the work, in that the new Branch Library at Lea Bridge Road has come into being, and already gives proof of its usefulness.

The need for at least two such branch establishments has long been felt. Mr. CARNEGIE's munificent offer in 1904, of £8,000, made these desiderata possible. Mr. EDWARD JONES's generous gift of an eligible site on the Lea Bridge Road, warranted the erection of the building without undue anxiety or wearying delay.

The foundation stone of the new Library was laid by Mr. Councillor GOLIGHTLY (then Chairman of the Library Committee) on the 30th September; and in the presence of a large and representative gathering of people interested in the Library movement, the building was formally opened on the 7th of April by the then Chairman of the Council, H. HEATHER, Esq.

By kind permission of the Editor of the *Leyton Independent*, a *résumé* of the proceedings on those occasions is given in subsequent pages of this Report.

With regard to the building—it speaks for itself—the architecture is pleasing, the rooms are well lighted and convenient, amply providing for all our immediate requirements, while the grounds in the rear form a pleasing oasis in a rapidly developing locality, and will make any extensions the future may demand easily possible.

With regard to the second branch provided for in Mr. CARNEGIE'S donation, a suitable site has been obtained on the Leytonstone High Road, through the acquisition by the Council of the estate known as Park House—long the home of one of the ancient and noble families of the County of Essex. Towards the cost of this house and grounds the sum of £293 6s. 6d. has been received by means of voluntary contributions. A further sum of £81 13s. 6d. is still required, which it is hoped will shortly be forthcoming, so that the necessary alterations may be proceeded with at once, without even temporary embarrassment of the Library funds.

Coming to the ordinary work of the Libraries, it is with much gratification I report a year of steady progress. The tables of statistics which follow will show how highly these Libraries are appreciated, and how the facilities they afford for recreative reading, for scientific study, and for the almost innumerable purposes of literary research, are taken advantage of by all sorts and conditions of the inhabitants of the district.

The total number of volumes issued during the year is by far the largest in the history of the institution, being more than 13,000 in advance of the total issue of the preceding year. It is the more satisfactory that this increase is distributed over nearly all the sections into which the volumes of the Library are classified. The issues in Theology and Philosophy, History, Biography and Travel, Science and Art, as well as Fiction and Juvenile literature, all show substantial increase.

The Reading Room at the Central Library maintains its hold on the interest of the public, and it is significant of much that so large a portion of the readers seek the table devoted to scientific literature. 210,986 have visited the room during the year.

The Reading Rooms at Lea Bridge have from the opening been well patronised, and doubtless during the winter months will become increasingly so.

The Reading Room and Book Delivery Station at Cann Hall has always been regarded as of a tentative and temporary character. The building and the position of the building alike militate against any great advancement of our work. That as many as 4,948 have visited the room as readers during the year, is in these circumstances gratifying, while it emphasises the need for the speedy completion of a thoroughly equipped Branch Library in that locality.

As in former years lists of books on subjects which have forced themselves on the public mind have been issued and posted in the Library, and as illustrating how such lists are valued it may be mentioned that during the week immediately following the death and burial of the late Sir Henry Irving, every book in the Library bearing on the life and work of this Prince of the British Stage was in circulation.

The Library Magazine has been continued through the year, and has furnished a convenient means for bringing before the readers' notice an annotated list of the latest additions to our stock. Whilst nothing like an exhaustive review of the new books has been, or could be, attempted, brief notes have been appended, which have served to call attention to the principal additions, and to indicate the nature of their contents. A good book may have an unattractive or unsuggestive title, and we are convinced from many quarters that this "Readers' Guide" is fulfilling the purpose of its origin, and helping to make the Library what is our wish that it should increasingly become, an efficient factor in the higher education of the district.

The new Catalogue is now ready for the hands of the printers, and will, it is hoped, shortly be on sale. This will be an up-to-date supplement to the General Catalogue now in use, and a complete list of the books at present in the two Branch Libraries. Its possession will greatly facilitate the selection of books desired by our steadily increasing clientèle.

Since the last Annual Report was presented, we have lost the valuable services of the Sub-Librarian, Mr. W. B. YOUNG, who has been appointed Librarian of the newly established Public Library at Erith.

His removal and the increased work involved in the preparation for, and the work of the new branches have necessitated sundry additions to the staff, every member of which has worked loyally and well, and striven to discharge their duties in a thorough and courteous manner. Each one, I am convinced, shares with me a high sense of the importance of his work, and has striven to increase the usefulness and popularity of the institution.

I would again thank those ladies and gentlemen who have presented books to the Library, and those editors and proprietors of newspapers and magazines with which our tables have been gratuitously furnished. Nor would I fail to record my sense of the service rendered by the editors of our local papers, who have with unvarying courtesy lent their columns to advance the interests of this institution.

To the Chairman and Members of this Committee my thanks are likewise due for the consideration they have shown and the support they have rendered me during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

... Opening of ...  
The Carnegie Branch Library.

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INTERESTING CEREMONY AT  
LEA BRIDGE ROAD.

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COUNCILLOR HEATHER, J.P.,  
ON THE  
INFLUENCE OF BOOKS.

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The Carnegie Branch Library in Lea Bridge Road was formally opened on Saturday, April 7th, 1906, in the presence of a large and representative company of ladies and gentlemen by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor H. Heather, J.P. The building, as it is now completed, is a beautiful and commanding one, and many were the expressions of delight which fell from visitors on Saturday as they wandered through the large and well lighted rooms which are to be applied to such a useful and commendable purpose. Councillor Golightly, Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Library Committee, presided at the opening ceremony.

Among the company present were:—Councillor and Mrs. Heather, Councillor and Mrs. Musgrave, Councillor Waller, the Rev. J. T. and Mrs. Inskip, Councillors A. G. Giller, H. J. Tomlins, W. A. Hurry, E. M. Hall, J. B. Slade, H. Guy, Councillor and Mrs. Upton, Councillor D. M. Smith, Councillor J. H. Matthews, Councillor R. S. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Findlay, Mr. R. Ward, J.P., Mr. Andrew Johnston, J.P., Chairman of the Essex County Council, and Mrs. Johnston, the Rev. W. T. Brown, vicar of Leytonstone, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tiley, Mr. Jacques (the Architect), Councillor Wilcock, Mr. and Mrs. Wire, Mr. and Mrs. B. Biggs, the Rev. E. Davies (vicar of All Saints, Leyton), the Rev. W. J. Bettison

(late vicar of Leytonstone), Councillors E. C. Pittam, H. Benton, Mr. Z. Moon, F.R.Hist.S. (the Librarian), Ex-Councillor Deering, Mr. Frowde (Bermondsey), Mr. and Mrs. Chennell (Willesden), Mr. and Mrs. Attwater (Brentwood), Mr. and Mrs. Bridle (East Ham), Mr. D. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skelt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, Mr. H. W. B. Clewer, Mr. and Mrs. White, Dr. Harding H. Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pinney, Miss Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie, Capt. and Mrs. Curd, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Tisshaw, Rev. E. G. A. Dunn (All Saints, Leyton), Mr. Preece (Stoke Newington), Mr. G. Morley Moon, and others.

A full description of the building was given in our columns when the foundation stone was laid, but it will not be uninteresting to add

#### A FEW ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.

The building as now complete is a rectangular block, measuring 55 feet by 55 feet, with the entrance on the Lea Bridge Road front. The interior arrangements comprise on the ground floor a news room, 34 feet by 20 feet, with stands for 33 newspapers, and in addition there is a table for periodicals, with seats for eight readers. There is a magazine room 31 feet by 18 feet, furnished with tables and seating for 36 readers, and a lending library with racks for about 11,000 volumes. The inner hall, which gives convenient access to the several rooms, is 34 feet by 14 feet, and is so arranged that borrowers at the lending library counter do not interfere with the access to the reading room. In the entrance lobby another news stand is placed to take three newspapers, this being intended for the early morning papers. On the upper floor is a room 40 feet by 20 feet, to be used ultimately as a lecture room and reference library. It was there that the opening ceremony on Saturday took place. The various rooms on the ground floor are divided by glazed partitions which, however, are not carried up the full height to the ceiling so as to ensure ample ventilation and an equable temperature throughout the premises. The partitions, as well as the furniture, are constructed of oak, fumed and polished. The lobbies and staircase landings are laid with terrazzo paving, and the remainder of the floors with pitch pinewood blocks laid on concrete. The lobbies and staircase walls are faced to a height of about 5 feet with brown glazed tiles. The staircase to the upper floor is

constructed in engravic Terrazzo. Both windows and partitions are glazed with leaded glass. Electric light is fitted throughout the premises, and the heating is by hot water pipes and radiators. The general contract has been very efficiently carried out by Mr. W. Manders, of Leyton, whose contract amounted to £3,695, and the furniture has been supplied by Messrs. Wake and Dean, their contract amounting to £321. The works have been carried out from the design and under the supervision of Mr. William Jacques, A.R.I.B.A.

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

The Chairman said that it would not be requisite for him on that occasion to refer to the development of the library movement in Leyton, for that had been adequately done at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. It was now generally known that for some time a want was felt for a branch library at each end of the district, and an effort was made by the Council and the Librarian to obtain increased facilities for the reading public. Of course they all knew how successful they had been. There appeared on the scene a gentleman who some years ago left these shores comparatively a poor man, who through the skill and determination so characteristic of the race from which he sprang had amassed a considerable fortune, which he had used very largely to endow free Public Libraries in towns where they would not yet probably have been provided but for his munificence. Mr. Moon, the Librarian, directed the attention of the Library Committee to the possibility of sharing in Mr. Carnegie's generosity, with the result that the Scotch-American millionaire presented the district with £8,000, to be equally divided between two Branch Libraries, on the condition that the Council provided sites for the purpose. In the Lea Bridge district, Mr. Jones, a near neighbour, came forward with an offer of a free site, which was gratefully accepted by the Council, but the same good fortune did not attend the Council in respect to Leytonstone, where it was necessary to purchase a building and adapt it to the needs of a Public Library, Mr. Carnegie allowing a part of his gift to be used for that while an appeal was made to the public for the remainder. There was still a sum of £80 or £90 required before the building at Leytonstone could be opened free from debt, and he (the Chairman) took that opportunity of appealing again to the generously disposed to make that amount secure. The building Councillor Heather was about to

declare open was, as they were able to see, now completed, and the reading room would be opened to the public, but books would not be issued for some days as the catalogues were not yet completed.

The Chairman then called on the Rev. J. T. Inskip to offer prayer, after which Miss E. Moon, the daughter of the Librarian, presented a choice bouquet to Mrs. Heather, and presented Councillor Heather with an orchid.

Mr. Jacques, the architect, then gave a description of the completed building, the details of which we have used at the beginning of our report, and concluded by presenting Councillor Heather with a gold key, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the occasion, remarking that it was doubly appropriate inasmuch as it also fittingly marked the close of Councillor Heather's year of office.

#### LETTER FROM MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE, LL.D.

Mr. Moon announced that he had received a great many letters of apology for absence, among them being one each from Mr. Simon, M.P. for Walthamstow; Ald. Bethell, M.P. for Romford; Mr. Jones, the donor of the site; and Mr. Andrew Carnegie, LL.D., from whose private secretary the following letter was received: "Mr. Carnegie tenders his thanks for the kind invitation, and regrets that the time at his disposal during his visit to London will not be sufficient to allow him to take part in the proceedings. Mr. Carnegie sends his best wishes for the success of the Library, and the happiness of all the people of Leyton." (Applause.)

#### THE LIBRARY OPENED.

Councillor Heather, amid applause, formally declared the Library open. He said: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—My first duty is to formally declare this Public Library open, and I do so with the greatest possible pleasure. To be accorded the privilege of declaring this Library open is indeed an honour which will ever be remembered with feelings of the greatest pleasure not only by myself but by my dear wife and the members of my family. I sincerely thank Mr. Jacques, the Architect, for the handsome key, so suitably inscribed, which has been presented to me. It will always be a valuable and cherished memento of my public work in the district of Leyton. I think it is a very happy coincidence

that at the close of my year of office I should be allowed the opportunity of opening this building. In September last we met for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of this building, and to-day the completion of the work is celebrated. Upon that occasion, as Chairman, I gave you the history of the Public Library movement in Leyton. I showed you how the efforts of Mr. A. P. Wire, Mr. E. J. Davis, Councillor Pittam and others had been crowned with success, and how the work of the Central Library had increased year by year. Public Libraries have long since passed the stage of criticism, and have taken a definite public position as part of the educational machinery of the nation. The masses of the people have been given the ability to read, and now we have to provide them with the means of exercising the power they have acquired. The effects of the School Board Act of 1870 were slow at first, but the general spread of intelligence, as a result of the universal education of the masses of the people, has paved the way for the ever increasing demands of the people for Library facilities. These demands are slowly but surely being supplied. The Public Library is the most widely appreciated institution in the community. It is in touch with civic life, with home life, and with school life, and is used by all classes. It is being more and more recognised that the expenditure upon public libraries is translated into permanent profit, and more than repaid by the intellectual strength acquired, and the ensuing advantages which benefit all grades of society. There is no doubt that a reading people becomes a thinking people. In this age of democratic aims, ideals, and aspirations, I look to the Public Library to have a steadying influence upon the people.

### LIBRARIES ARE CENTRES OF LIGHT,

and not only feed, but create a taste for reading, and, unquestionably, whatever does this is a benefit to the whole community, and aids materially in repressing, improving, and refining the rougher and baser parts of human nature. It is stated by some who do not intimately know the working of public libraries that little but trashy novels are read. This is far from being an accurate statement. The percentage of fiction read in our Library has steadily decreased, and while at one time it was more than 70 per cent., it now ranges between 52 and 55 per cent. One also must not lose sight of the fact that under the heading "fiction" are classed the works of many writers who are among the most skilful and

the most persuasive of moral and intellectual educators, who supply not only mental recreation but moral training of the highest value to the community. Moreover, of all the recreations which can possibly appeal to a hard working man after his daily toil, surely there is nothing to equal an entertaining book. He is at once placed in contact with the best society in every period of history, with the wisest, the wittiest, with the tenderest, the bravest, and the purest characters that have adorned humanity. His own life and ideals cannot but be influenced for good by the characters with whom he thus comes in mental contact. John Bright has said—and the quotation has been very thoughtfully placed on your programmes to-day: “There is no blessing that can be given to an artisan’s family more than a love for books. The home influence of such a possession is one that will guard them from many temptations and from many evils. It is impossible for anybody to confer upon young men a greater blessing than to stimulate them to associate themselves constantly with a public library, and draw from it any book they like.” These are words of pregnant wisdom, and contain a dictum to which we all subscribe. Nor must it be forgotten that when a love of reading has been engendered, the mind after a time grows tired of being fed upon fiction alone. Works of biography and travel attract, and wider realms of literature are thus opened up. The opportunity does not come to many to visit the various parts of our vast Empire, but in the world of books we can gain an intimate acquaintance with men and manners, and with the lives and interests of our kinsmen across the seas. The study, too, of those social and economic questions affecting the happiness and prosperity of our own people come within the reach of all through the books stored upon our library shelves. The man who has read such works as Justin McCarthy’s “History of our own Times,” or Morley’s “Life of Gladstone” has gained a knowledge of many of the questions of the time which must widen his mental horizon, and make him a better, because a more intelligent citizen. I know something of

#### THE WORK OF A TEACHER,

and teachers know full well the value of access to a good library both to themselves and the young whom they instruct. The reading child is a thinking child. The mind is broadened, becomes stored with useful information, and is strengthened for the acquisition of knowledge, while a

grasp is obtained of our mother tongue, which is easily discerned in their ordinary speech and conversation. Each of our public schools should be closely allied to our public library. Each boys' and girls' department should be furnished with a supply of books suitable to the various ages of the pupils. At certain intervals these should be returned to the library to be looked through, and then passed on to another school. The children would then be encouraged by their teachers to acquire the habit of reading good literature, and when the boy or girl left school for life in the world they could be registered as borrowers from the library itself, and the whole realm of English literature be placed at their service. The public library is the natural successor to the public school, and it is of the utmost importance to put children into close touch with it before they leave school that they may, as a matter of course, pass from the one to the other. The work of the school will thus be continued by the public library in a somewhat different way, and with a freedom that will help to mould the individual character. The public library must minister to the educational needs of the day. Its responsibilities should not cease when it has issued a book over the counter. It should create the reading spirit where it does not exist, it must stimulate it where it is weak. When the reading spirit is there it must try and direct it into higher channels. It must have an answer for the enquirer who asks, "What shall I read?" It must provide the information and aids asked for by the student; it should aim at being the place of information to which every one in the district will inevitably turn when they are in want of information obtainable in books; it must be the personification of the cheery companion and gentle consoler, the wise philosopher and trusted guide of all who seek its aid. The public library work of Leyton has been carried out from the beginning almost solely by the aid of the penny library rate. This was sufficient for the work of the central institution, but was not sufficient to provide anything like suitable branches for the needs of the eastern and western ends of our district.

Our admirable Librarian, Mr. Moon, laid the particulars of our circumstances before Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who after consideration of the facts and figures supplied to him, rejoiced Mr. Moon's heart by promising the sum of £8,000 for the erection of two branch libraries upon the conditions that two suitable sites were provided, and that the library

rate was increased by the sum of a halfpenny in the pound to provide an adequate maintenance. This latter condition a town's meeting approved of, and provision was made for it in our 1904 Act of Parliament. Then came the generous gift of this admirable site upon the main road by Mr. Edward Jones, a gentleman residing close by this building, but who has been too modest to come forward in any way in connection with this undertaking. For the Leytonstone end of our district, Park House, close to the Midland station, has been purchased for £1,375, Mr. Carnegie allowing £1,000 of the £4,000 allocated to that district for the building, leaving £375 to be raised for the site. This sum has been obtained by public subscriptions with the exception of about £90. We should, indeed, be glad to hear that Mr. Moon had received this amount in small or large donations, so that the work may proceed without the incubus of debt attending it. And here, again, as Chairman of the Leyton District Council, on behalf of the inhabitants of the district, I offer to Mr. Carnegie, and to Mr. Edward Jones, our sincerest thanks for their munificence and their public generosity. I congratulate the architect, Mr. Jacques, upon the admirable building which he has planned, and Mr. Manders upon the way in which he has executed the work. I can only wish the library what I am certain is assured, a long, prosperous, and successful career. (Loud applause.)

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

In the unavoidable absence of Councillor W. Atkins, E.C.C., Mr. Andrew Johnston, J.P., Chairman of the Essex County Council, proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Heather. He said that although the Essex County Council had nothing to do with district libraries, it did all it could indirectly to foster the movement. He congratulated Leyton with all his heart for the manner in which the district had gone about providing itself with free libraries, and he was proud that one whom he could call a fellow countryman was using his wealth for such a noble object, and to whose Scotch origin the Chairman, in his opening remarks, had paid a fitting tribute. Let them depend upon it there was nothing like Scotsmen. (Laughter.) Wherever they went about the Empire they would find it was a Scotsman who made it. (Laughter.) Proceeding to speak of the reading of books, Mr. Johnston expressed a hope that the young people who used that building—for it was of no use speaking

to old ones—would read less of novels and more of books dealing with biography and travel. If they wished to be taken out of themselves, and forget for a time the anxieties of work, and disregard for a time the petty trivialities of every day life, they should apply their minds to biography, which supplied sources of interest and instruction which no amount of novel reading could furnish. It was much better to read of things which actually happened in the world than the things which existed in the imagination of the novelist. He asked that they should return their thanks to Councillor Heather for the able and interesting address he had delivered to them. (Applause.)

Councillor Musgrave seconded, observing that they had listened to a most interesting and scholarly address, and expressed his pleasure that the Lea Bridge Library had been opened under such auspicious circumstances. (Applause.)

The Chairman briefly replied. He did not condemn novel reading because he believed it was the means of stimulating an interest in all kinds of books and helped to gradually awaken the mind.

Councillor Benton proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the motion having been seconded by Councillor Hall, was unanimously carried, and Councillor Golightly responded. Referring to a remark made by Councillor Heather in putting the motion that in all probability the Vice-Chairman would follow him in the chair, Councillor Golightly said he was proud to think that his colleagues on the Council had so much confidence in him that his election to the chair would soon be proposed. (Applause.)

The proceedings then terminated.

TABLE I.

## Number and Classification of Volumes in the Library.

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Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	1132
Science and Art...	...	...	...	2257
Sociology...	...	...	...	610
Prose Fiction ..	...	...	...	6015
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	494
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	3457
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	2255
Magazines	...	...	...	468
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	744
Reference Library	...	...	...	5545
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				22977
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TABLE II.

## Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1905-6.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra-phy and Travel.	Juvenile Litera-ture.	Maga-zines.	Miscel-laneous Litera-ture.	Refer-ence Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1905	18	133	735	62	8911	66	482	3725	383	140	584	15221	845.56
May "	22	117	690	97	9258	63	441	3939	357	140	602	15704	713.81
June "	11	58	256	27	3869	13	161	1499	169	35	393	6480	589
July "	21	74	580	40	6751	29	420	2776	304	78	465	11517	548.42
August "	21	102	559	61	8081	34	406	2831	289	115	550	13028	620.38
September "	22	155	734	82	9423	52	532	3343	354	140	761	15576	708
October "	22	156	847	95	10112	80	619	4482	401	148	761	17701	804.59
November "	21	193	911	115	10504	117	962	5589	479	198	705	19773	941.57
December "	20	131	853	71	9646	101	732	5359	544	174	558	18169	908.45
January, 1906	22	162	881	121	10570	75	704	5416	605	189	741	19464	884.68
February "	20	151	906	107	10216	110	742	5051	585	212	809	18889	944.45
March "	23	177	1060	129	11601	124	808	5561	609	219	823	21110	917.82
Totals 1905-6	243	1609	9012	1007	108942	864	7009	49571	5078	1788	7752	192632	792.72

TABLE III.

Comparative Table of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso- phy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra- phy and Travel.	Juvenile Litera- ture.	Magaz- ines.	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Refer- ence Library.	Totals.	Daily Average
1905-6	243	1609	9012	1007	108942	864	7009	49571	5078	1788	7752	192632	792.72
1904-5	245	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8961	179142	731.19
1903-4	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661.131
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
*1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414.421
Total 1893-1906	3137	17548	100044	8720	1162316	9334	83789	454289	44111	20872	69434	1979457	628.13

\* Closed for Alterations.

**TABLE IV.**  
**Percentages of Issues.**

CLASS.	1904-5	1905-6.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·823	·83
Science and Art ... ..	4·98	4·67
Sociology ... ..	·526	·52
Prose Fiction ... ..	55·78	56·55
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·439	·44
Biography, History, Voyages, and Travels ... ..	3·41	3·63
Juvenile Literature ... ..	25·21	25·73
Magazines ... ..	2·78	2·63
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	1·02	·92
Reference Library ... ..	5·002	4·02

**TABLE V.**  
**Borrowers' Occupations, 1905-6.**

Accountants ... .. 20	Cashiers ... .. 8
Actor ... .. 1	Chemists and Assistants 11
Agents and Collectors... 29	Civil Servants ... .. 23
Apprentices ... .. 13	Clerks ... .. 330
Architects & Assistants 9	Coach and Carriage Builders ... .. 8
Artists ... .. 4	Confectioners ... .. 3
Barmen and Barmaids 3	Cycle Makers ... .. 2
Blacksmiths ... .. 2	Dentists... .. 2
Blind Maker ... .. 1	Doctors... .. 2
Bookbinders ... .. 10	Domestic Servants ... 17
Booksellers ... .. 3	Drapers and Assistants 12
Bookmakers ... .. 11	Dressmakers ... .. 41
Boxmakers ... .. 3	Electrical Engineers ... 10
Brassfinishers ... .. 5	Engine Drivers ... .. 4
Builders and Assistants 14	Engineers ... .. 47
Butchers ... .. 4	Fireman ... .. 1
Cabinet Makers ... .. 14	Furriers... .. 3
Cable Tester ... .. 1	Gardeners ... .. 2
Carpenters and Joiners 20	

Table V. continued.

Greengrocer ... ..	1	Pianoforte Makers and	
Grocers and Assistants	27	Tuner ... ..	3
Hairdressers ... ..	6	Plumbers & Assistants	6
Harness Maker ... ..	1	Police Officers ... ..	4
Inland Revenue		Poor Law Officer ... ..	1
Officers ... ..	11	Post Office Employees...	18
Inspectors ... ..	2	Printers ... ..	24
Jewellers ... ..	8	Railway Employees ... ..	20
Journalists ... ..	5	Rate Collectors...	2
Labourers ... ..	11	Saddlers ... ..	2
Laundress ... ..	1	Salvation Army Officers	3
Library Assistants ... ..	3	Sanitary Engineers ... ..	2
Licensed Victuallers ... ..	2	Scholars and Students	1089
Machinists ... ..	14	Schoolmasters and	
Manufacturers and		Mistresses .. ..	143
Assistants ... ..	17	Shopkeepers and	
Mariners ... ..	8	Assistants ... ..	41
Married Women ... ..	209	Shorthand Writers and	
Masseause ... ..	1	Typists ... ..	11
Merchants ... ..	2	Solicitor ... ..	1
Milkmen ... ..	2	Stationers & Assistants	4
Milliners ... ..	18	Stockbroker ... ..	1
Millwrights ... ..	2	Surveyors & Assistants	4
Ministers and Clergy ... ..	7	Tailors and Costumiers	14
Newsagents ... ..	7	Tobacconist ... ..	1
Nurses ... ..	4	Travellers ... ..	33
Office Boys and		Type Founder ... ..	1
Messengers ... ..	19	Waiters ... ..	4
Painters ... ..	10	Warehousemen ... ..	21
Pawnbroker & Assistant	2	Not stated ... ..	678
Pensioners ... ..	3		
Photographer ... ..	1		
Picture-frame Makers...	4		
		Total ... ..	3242

TABLE VI.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

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Borrowers left the District	...	...	...	..	173
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	2
Guarantors withdrawn	...	...	...	...	11
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	2904
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## SUMMARY.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	243
Books issued	...	...	...	192,632
Average daily issue	...	...	...	792.72
Largest daily issue, December 28th, 1905	...	...	...	1,380
Smallest daily issue, July 7th, 1905	...	...	...	368
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	16,052.6
Largest monthly issue, March, 1906	...	...	...	21,110
Smallest monthly issue, June, 1905	...	...	...	6,480
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1905	...	...	...	22,012
Number of volumes added by purchase	...	802	...	
Number of volumes added by gift	...	83	...	
Number of magazines bound	...	81	...	
Number of pamphlets purchased	...	5	...	
Number of pamphlets presented	...	83	...	
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Total number added during the year	...	1,054	...	
Withdrawn from circulation	...	89	...	
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Net increase	...	...	...	965
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1906	...	...	...	22,977
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	11
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	577
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	432
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1905	...	...	...	5,235
Borrowers registered during the year	...	3,242	...	
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired	...	3,090	...	
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Net increase	...	...	...	152
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1906	...	...	...	5,387

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## DONORS TO THE LIBRARY, 1905-6.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
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"Anon." ... ..	1	
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London County Council ... ..	2	
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National Union of Teachers ... ..	1	
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Prosser, R. B., Dartmouth Park Road, S.W....	4	
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Walthamstow Education Committee ... ..	2	
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Mr. E. J. Davis ...	2	2	0	Mr. A. Ewin ...	2	2	0
Mr. Z. Moon ...	2	2	0	Mrs. Davenport ...	0	5	0
Mr. B. Biggs ...	10	0	0	Miss R. Neels ...	0	5	0
Messrs. Tonkin & Palmer	0	10	0	Mr. T. Body ...	0	5	0
Mr. A. Cole ...	1	0	0	Mr. W. Whittingham ...	1	1	0
Mr. F. J. Coxhead ...	20	0	0	Mr. T. Shelton ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. J. Griffiths, J.P.	50	0	0	Leyton Urban District Ratepayers' Association ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. Webb ...	0	5	0	Mr. W. Gompertz ...	0	10	6
Messrs. T. Miles & Co.	2	2	0	Fetter Lane Saturday Evening Concerts ...	0	7	6
Mr. Councillor Musgrave, C.A., J.P. ...	2	2	0	"Notrab" ...	0	5	0
Mr. Councillor Heather ...	1	1	0	Mr. F. C. Stacey ...	0	2	6
Mr. Councillor Wilcock ...	1	1	0	Mr. W. Boulton, junior... ..	0	10	0
Mr. Councillor Benton ...	2	2	0	Mr. H. J. Tisshaw ...	0	5	0
Mr. Councillor Deering... ..	1	1	0				

## MEMORABILIA.

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Area of the district	...	...	...	...	...	2,491 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	... 105,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£488,096
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	...	November, 1891
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened	...	...	...	...	...	February, 1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened	...	...	...	...	...	May, 1898
Book Delivery Station	„	„	„	„	„	... February, 1899
„	„	„	Leytonstone	„	„	December, 1899
„	„	„	„	closed	...	June, 1901
Lea Bridge (Carnegie) Library opened	...	...	...	...	...	April, 1906

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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*I give and bequeath to the Leyton Urban District Council in the County of Essex, out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated for the purpose, the sum of*

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*free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the said Council, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.*

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*Donations may be notified to the Librarian, Public Library, Leyton, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.*



# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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# Librarian's Annual Report,

1906-1907.



*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour of submitting to you my Fourteenth Annual Report on the work of the Leyton Public Libraries. It is with much gratification that I report another year of steady progress, and that abundant evidence has been forthcoming that the Libraries under your direction have maintained their hold on the public favour, and continued with undiminished efficiency to minister to the public need.

It would not be a matter of great surprise, if the long succession of years, in which decided increases in the number of borrowers and volumes issued have been reported, were followed by a period when we appear to be marking time. For it must be remembered that owing to the exigencies of their employment a considerable number of the inhabitants of the district spend their days in London, where not a few avail themselves of our great National, the Guildhall, and other City Libraries. It is therefore particularly gratifying that the figures reported in the best years of the past have been maintained and in several sections show a marked increase.

The extension scheme which has engaged the Committee's thought and efforts for some years has proved itself to be wise and timely, and the results attending what has already been done, emphasise the urgency for the early completion of the present scheme.

The year under review is the first year of the Lea Bridge Branch. The issue of books began on the 1st July, 1906, and up to the end of March 1,124 borrowers had been enrolled, of whom 72 had also availed themselves of the privilege of extra tickets for Music and Non-Fictional literature. The number of books issued during the same period was 32,262, or a daily average of 168·9, while the Reading Room has more than justified the promise of its early days.

The work of alteration and adaptation of Park House is still in progress, and this commodious building will probably be ready for opening as a Branch Library before the end of the present year. Standing as it does in the centre of one of the most populous and important parts of the district, this Branch will meet a long-felt want, and minister to the intellectual recreation, and the literary and educational advancement of a large portion of our constituents, many of whom are at present debarred by distance from the resources of the Central Library.

At this point a few words with regard to the building itself may not be out of place, and I am pleased to insert the following particulars kindly furnished me by the Architect (Mr. W. JACQUES, A.R.I.B.A.):—

“Of the early history of this house but little is known. Yet during the early part of the 18th century it must have been a residence of some consequence in the sparsely populated district beyond the marshes. Over the principal doorway is carved the arms of the Earl of Mornington, which appears to mark the connection of that noble family with the premises, and there is some reason to believe that at one time the estate was in their occupation.

“At the time of its purchase by the Council to be converted into a Public Library, many and radical changes had been made in the house and its surroundings. The extensive gardens had been for some years laid out as a building estate, all the outbuildings had disappeared, and of the original gardens only a small portion in the rear of the house had been retained. The viaduct of the Tottenham and Forest Gate branch

“ of the Midland Railway had been constructed within  
 “ a distance of some 50 feet or thereabouts from the  
 “ front of the house, and the house itself had for some  
 “ years been used as a Furniture Depository, and had  
 “ been much neglected.

“ The position of the 'railway viaduct, with its  
 “ private approach liable to be closed to the public,  
 “ rendered the original front of the house unsuitable as  
 “ an entrance to the Library, and this fact has naturally  
 “ influenced the arrangement of the interior.

“ The central part of the residence—a block some  
 “ 42 feet square and three storeys in height above the  
 “ basement—is evidently of earlier date than the two  
 “ wings, which are each a storey lower in elevation,  
 “ and this central part appears to have been much  
 “ altered internally. Indeed, in the kitchen the fireplace  
 “ —a huge projection—showed evidence of at least  
 “ three alterations. All the internal divisions above  
 “ the basement were formed by wooden partitions, the  
 “ main timbers being of heavy scantling, whilst the  
 “ beams of the floors and roof were for the most part  
 “ roughly squared logs of oak some 14 ins. by 11 ins.  
 “ in section, extending the whole width of the building.

“ The walls and partitions were not plastered, but  
 “ were partly covered with canvas and partly with  
 “ panelling, none of which, however, could be preserved.

“ The structural alterations have been planned to  
 “ leave intact as much as possible of the original build-  
 “ ing, and the roof and floor have been retained; the  
 “ various partitions having been removed and steel  
 “ columns and girders introduced to carry the super-  
 “ incumbent weight, have been suitably disposed to  
 “ meet the new requirements.

“ It was found impossible, however, to utilise the  
 “ oak staircase, formerly in the centre of the building,  
 “ and a new staircase of stone has been erected adjoin-  
 “ ing the entrance. Some of the fireplaces, which pro-  
 “ jected 3 feet or more into the rooms, have been re-  
 “ moved, and others have been reduced in dimensions,

“ openings have been cut through the walls on the  
 “ various floors between the west wing and the main  
 “ building to connect the rooms, and a new entrance  
 “ doorway has been formed in what was formerly the  
 “ garden front of the house. The balcony at the first  
 “ floor level, extending the whole length, has been  
 “ retained, and will form a pleasant feature in the spring  
 “ and summer.

“ The two ancient wisterias which formerly clothed  
 “ the front of the house have been preserved and trained  
 “ along the front of the balcony.

“ As now remodelled, the north-east wing has been  
 “ converted into a residence for the Caretaker, the  
 “ remainder being utilised for the Library.

“ The principal entrance, which is approached by  
 “ a flight of stone steps, leads direct into an entrance  
 “ hall, from which the staircase ascends to the two  
 “ upper floors.

“ The Lending Library, which is entered direct from  
 “ the entrance lobby, comprises a public space or inner  
 “ hall 23 feet by 13 feet, and a Book Store, 41 feet by  
 “ 26 feet, fitted with cases for 11,000 volumes, but  
 “ capable of expansion to 15,000 volumes or more.  
 “ In addition, there is on this floor a Magazine Room  
 “ 21 feet by 20 feet.

“ On the first floor the News Room, 41 feet by  
 “ 23 feet, is fitted with stands for 56 newspapers, and  
 “ the Large Reading Room, with an area of 810 square  
 “ feet, faces the garden and principal entrance.

“ The whole of the second floor is devoted to stor-  
 “ age, and in the lower ground floor ample space is  
 “ obtained for the Staff Room, Staff Lavatories, Heating  
 “ Apparatus, and fuel and other stores.”

With regard to the Central Library, certain structural alterations have been effected. Two new lavatories have been provided for the convenience of the Staff. New Indi-

cator Frames have been erected, and the change made in the method of receiving and issuing books has, to some extent, met the difficulty caused by the overcrowding of the lamentably small space available for borrowers. But this evil has been palliated, not remedied. The accommodation is far too small for the congested throng of borrowers, and it is earnestly hoped that at no distant date the Committee will see its way to carry out some plan whereby the accommodation may be enlarged and additional space provided for our increasing stock, and enable those who use the Library to select their books and effect the change more comfortably and expeditiously than the present conditions will allow. These *desiderata*, I am convinced, could be provided at a comparatively small cost.

Since the issue of the last Annual Report 1,361 volumes have been added to the Central Library, of which 45 were presented and 1,316 acquired by purchase. These additions have fairly covered the whole realm of literature. Science (in its various branches), Art, Music, History, Biography, Travel, Poetry, and Fiction, as well as valuable books of reference.

The total number of books issued at the Central Library during the past year amount to 165,671, *i.e.*, a daily average of 687. The total issue from both Libraries being 197,873, or a daily average of 856. The number of volumes issued, however, gives but a very inadequate idea of the nature and scope of our work. Were our task no other than the purchase, classification, and issue of books, our labour would be comparatively unimportant. But scarcely a day passes when we are not called upon for information on the most abstruse subjects and to advise readers as to the most suitable books for their studies. In order to meet such wants it is not only essential that the contents of our own Library should be well known, but one needs to be *au courant* with the almost illimitable world of books. In most professions nowadays the man who seeks success must specialise, but the Librarian who would fill these wider demands must strive at being a universalist.

In order that the ideals underlying these observations may be approximately attained, the whole of the Library is now being classified on a system which, when completed, will enable any assistant, without reference to the catalogue, to say what books on any particular subject are in the Library.

As in former years, the Library Magazine has been regularly issued, and while serving to inform the readers generally as to the latest additions to our shelves, enables us also, by means of the notes appended, to discharge, in some degree, the function of literary guide, to which we have already referred. It is pleasing to note that the circulation of this quarterly shows no decline.

Special Lists of books on subjects which for the moment loom large in the public mind have been prepared and posted in the Library, and have been greatly appreciated. Lists of books recommended to be read in connection with the lectures given at the Technical Institute have also been prepared and sent to the Principal of the Institute. In these ways we seek to co-operate with other teaching institutions of the town for the spread of learning and the Higher Education of the people.

The issue of the new catalogue, which forms a supplement to the catalogue of books in the Central Library, and a complete list of all the books in the Branches, has given great satisfaction. This work, which runs into 379 double column royal 8vo. pages, is annotated throughout, and furnishes a useful guide to the books referred to therein.

The Reading Rooms at both the Central and Lea Bridge Libraries have been well attended. Many, of course, visit the rooms to read the daily papers and the magazines of a lighter character, but the number of readers at the tables for scientific and literary publications bespeaks a high conception of our visitors as to the purpose and usefulness of these public institutions.

The Cann Hall Reading Room and Book Delivery Station has never been more than moderately successful, and with the opening of the Leytonstone Library this experiment will come to an end.

That the work of the Libraries throughout the year has been of so uniformly a satisfactory character has been in no small degree due to the fact that the Staff, without exception, have pursued their duties in a spirit of loyalty, and with a diligence and zeal which are highly commendable.

I have pleasure in recording my thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who have presented books to the Libraries, and to others who have made loans of extensive series of pictures of high artistic and educational value.

I would once more express my appreciation of the unvarying kindness of the proprietors and editors of our local Press, who have generously placed their columns at our disposal, and have materially assisted the work of the institution.

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee my thanks are likewise due for their consistent courtesy towards myself, and for the sympathy with which my proposals have always been received.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

*March 31st, 1907.*

TABLE I.

**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Central Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	1163
Science and Art...	...	...	...	2429
Sociology	...	...	...	631
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	6411
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	505
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	3708
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	2445
Magazines	...	...	...	492
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	776
Reference Library	...	...	...	5731
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**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Lea Bridge Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	3
Biography	...	...	...	5
Science and Art...	...	...	...	27
Sociology	...	...	...	3
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	3099
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	4
History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	29
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	1088
Magazines	...	...	...	43
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	17
Reference Library	...	...	...	34
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TABLE II.

## Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1906-7.

## Central.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	History, Biography and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1906	18	123	726	73	8934	79	566	3974	422	134	457	15488	860.44
May "	22	157	738	62	9482	84	593	4121	379	151	563	16330	742.27
* June "	10	32	203	19	3169	16	148	1229	144	47	156	5163	514.88
July "	22	89	542	40	6482	48	351	2781	326	115	447	11221	510.05
August "	21	95	557	69	7199	43	345	2600	305	85	464	11762	560.09
September "	21	118	738	65	8445	65	533	3060	367	136	520	14047	668.9
October "	22	131	805	102	9101	86	615	3884	442	194	704	16064	730.18
November "	22	143	788	123	9187	98	608	4343	467	202	769	16728	760.36
December "	21	115	582	80	7687	78	494	3691	405	176	656	13964	664.95
January, 1907	22	172	721	86	8573	66	576	3947	437	185	780	15543	706.5
February "	20	183	682	93	8275	71	523	3536	448	209	805	14825	741.25
March "	20	152	726	57	8099	67	542	3632	411	164	626	14476	723.8
Totals, 1906-7	241	1510	7808	869	94633	801	5894	40798	4553	1798	6947	165611	687.18

\*Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—Continued.

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1906-7.

Lea Bridge.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Phil- osophy.	Biogra- phy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Poetry and Drama.	History and Travel.	Juvenile Litera- ture.	Magi- zines.	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Totals.	Daily Average.
July, 1906	22	1	4	11	4	656	—	32	504	36	19	1267	57.59
August	21	1	6	14	9	1035	—	34	833	122	17	2071	98.62
September	21	1	2	27	12	1456	—	29	832	177	33	2569	122.3
October	22	—	7	50	9	2042	—	51	1517	147	20	3843	174.68
November	22	4	13	67	6	2303	1	52	1955	227	23	4651	211.41
December	21	2	8	58	7	2054	—	34	1659	200	32	4054	193.04
January, 1907	22	4	3	62	13	2508	3	53	1753	252	20	4671	212.32
February	20	7	4	52	5	2345	3	49	1785	211	24	4485	224.25
March	20	7	4	59	8	2362	3	49	1924	217	18	4651	232.55
Totals 1906-7	191	27	51	400	73	16761	10	383	12762	1589	206	32262	168.91

TABLE III.

Comparative Table of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Central Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philology.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1906-7	241	1510	7808	869	94533	801	5894	40798	4553	1798	6947	165611	687.18
1905-6	243	1609	9012	1007	108942	864	7009	49571	5078	1788	7752	192632	792.72
1904-5	245	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8961	179142	731.19
1903-4	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661.131
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
*1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414.421
Total 1893-1907	3378	18058	107852	9589	1256949	10135	89683	495087	48664	22670	76381	2136068	632.34
1906-7	191	27	400	73	16761	10	434	12762	1589	206	—	32262	168.91

\* Closed for Alterations.

TABLE IV.

## Percentages of Issues (Central).

CLASS.	1905-6.	1906-7.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·83	·91
Science and Art ... ..	4·67	4·71
Sociology ... ..	·52	·52
Prose Fiction ... ..	56·55	57·14
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·44	·48
Biography, History, Voyages, and Travel ... ..	3·63	3·55
Juvenile Literature ... ..	25·73	24·63
Magazines ... ..	2·63	2·74
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	·92	1·08
Reference Library ... ..	4·02	4·19

## Percentages of Issues (Lea Bridge).

Theology and Philosophy ... ..		·08
Biography ... ..		·15
Science and Art ... ..	.	1·23
Sociology .. ..		·22
Prose Fiction ... ..		51·95
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...		·03
History and Travel ... ..		1·18
Juvenile Literature ... ..		39·55
Magazines ... ..		4·92
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..		·63

TABLE V.

## Borrowers' Occupations, 1906-7.

	Central.	Lea Bridge
Accountants ... ..	12	9
Actors and Actress ... ..	3	1
Agents and Collectors ... ..	29	8
Ambulance Attendant ... ..	1	0
Apprentices and Assistants ... ..	5	19
Architects and Surveyors ... ..	2	2
Artists ... ..	2	1
Auctioneers ... ..	3	0
Bakers and Confectioners ... ..	6	3
Bath Attendant ... ..	0	1
Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights ... ..	3	2
Blind Maker ... ..	0	1
Boat Builder ... ..	1	0
Bookbinder ... ..	1	0
Boot Makers ... ..	9	4
Brass and Coppersmith Workers ... ..	5	1
Brewer ... ..	0	1
Bricklayers and Labourers ... ..	18	6
Brushmakers ... ..	0	2
Builders ... ..	4	7
Butchers ... ..	4	0
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers ... ..	3	2
Caretakers ... ..	6	3
Carmen ... ..	3	1
Carpenters ... ..	9	4
Carriage Builder ... ..	1	0
Cashiers ... ..	4	2
Cask Merchant ... ..	1	0
Caterer ... ..	0	1
Chemists and Dispensers ... ..	9	5
Civil Servants ... ..	50	5
Clerks ... ..	329	118
Clothier and Hosier ... ..	2	0
Coach and Waggon Builders ... ..	2	0
Coachman ... ..	1	0
Coffee House Keeper ... ..	0	1
Commissionaires ... ..	1	2
Cycle Makers ... ..	2	0
Dairymen ... ..	2	0

TABLE V.—*Continued.*

					Central.	Lea Bridge.
Dental Mechanic	...	...	...	..	1	0
Diamond Setter	...	...	...	...	0	1
Directory Compiler	...	...	...	...	0	1
Domestic Servants	...	...	...	...	20	9
Drapers	...	...	...	...	10	1
Draughtsmen	...	...	...	...	6	1
Dress and Mantle Makers	...	...	...	...	53	7
Electricians	...	...	...	...	12	6
Electrotypers	...	...	...	...	1	0
Engine Drivers	...	...	...	...	5	0
Engineers and Fitters	...	...	...	...	41	21
Engravers	...	...	...	...	0	2
Factory Hand	...	...	...	...	1	0
Fishmonger	...	...	...	...	0	1
Foremen	...	...	...	...	4	0
French Polishers	...	...	...	...	1	2
Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	4	0
Furriers	...	...	...	...	3	0
Gardeners	...	...	...	...	1	2
Glass Blower	...	...	...	...	0	1
Grocers	...	...	...	...	6	2
Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	3	1
Hatter	...	...	...	...	0	1
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	2	1
Ironmonger	...	...	...	...	1	0
Jeweller	...	...	...	...	1	1
Journalist	...	...	...	...	1	0
Launderers	...	...	...	...	1	2
Law Writer	...	...	...	...	1	0
Lay Reader	...	...	...	...	1	0
Leather Cutter	...	...	...	...	1	0
Library Assistants	...	...	...	...	3	0
Licensed Victuallers	...	...	...	...	1	2
Machinists	...	...	...	...	3	10
Managers and Superintendents	...	...	...	...	12	12
Manufacturers and Merchants	...	...	...	...	9	7
Masons	...	...	...	...	1	2
Mechanics	...	...	...	...	0	4
Messengers and Office Boys...	...	...	...	...	12	9
Meter Tester	...	...	...	...	0	1
Milliners	...	...	...	...	2	8

TABLE V.--*Continued.*

	Central.	Lea Bridge
Ministers and Clergy ... ..	3	1
Motorman ... ..	1	0
Musicians ... ..	5	4
Nurses ... ..	8	2
Oilman ... ..	1	1
Opticians ... ..	2	0
Photographers ... ..	4	1
Physicians and Surgeons ... ..	5	3
Pianoforte Makers and Tuners ... ..	2	2
Plumbers and Decorators ... ..	4	5
Police Constables ... ..	4	1
Porters and Attendants ... ..	4	1
Portmanteau Maker ... ..	1	0
Postmen ... ..	0	3
Printers and Compositors ... ..	30	20
Publisher's Assistant ... ..	1	0
Railway Employees ... ..	22	2
Rate Collector ... ..	1	0
Salvation Army Officers ... ..	2	0
Scholars and Students ... ..	659	367
Secretaries ... ..	1	1
School Masters and Mistresses ... ..	132	49
Shirtmaker ... ..	1	0
Shop Assistants ... ..	38	6
Shorthand Writers and Typists ... ..	20	5
Signwriter ... ..	0	1
Stationers ... ..	0	4
Stewards ... ..	2	0
Stick Mounter ... ..	0	1
Tailors and Tailoress ... ..	3	3
Telegraphists ... ..	1	2
Telephone Operators ... ..	2	3
Tinplate Workers ... ..	2	1
Tobacconists ... ..	2	0
Travellers ... ..	32	16
Waiters and Waitress ... ..	3	0
Warehousemen and Storekeepers ... ..	32	5
Window Cleaner ... ..	0	1
Wire Workers ... ..	2	2
Not stated ... ..	694	273
	<hr/> 2,483	<hr/> 1,123

TABLE VI.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

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Borrowers left the District	...	...	...	...	136
„ deceased	...	...	...	...	4
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	2,750
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					2,890
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## SUMMARY—CENTRAL.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	241
Books issued	...	...	...	165,611
Average daily issue	...	...	...	687.18
Largest daily issue, April 12th, 1906	...	...	...	1,235
Smallest daily issue, July 10th, 1906	...	...	...	320
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	13,800.91
Largest monthly issue, November, 1906	...	...	...	16,728
Smallest monthly issue, June, 1906	...	...	...	5,163
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1906	...	...	...	22,977
Number of volumes added by purchase	...	...	...	1,226
„ „ „ gift	...	...	...	32
„ „ magazines bound	...	...	...	86
„ „ pamphlets purchased	...	...	...	4
„ „ „ presented	...	...	...	13
Total number added during the year	...	...	...	1,361
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...	...	47
Net increase	...	...	...	1,314
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1907	...	...	...	24,291
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	15
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	441
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	441
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1906	...	...	...	5,387
Borrowers registered during the year	...	2,483	...	
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired	...	2,890	...	
Net decrease	...	...	...	407
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1907	...	...	...	4,980

## SUMMARY—LEA BRIDGE.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	191
Books issued	...	...	...	32,262
Average daily issue	...	...	...	168.91
Largest daily issue, March 28th, 1907	...	...	...	362
Smallest daily issue, July 3rd, 1906	...	...	...	13
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	3,584.6
Largest monthly issue, January, 1907	...	...	...	4,671
Smallest monthly issue, July, 1906	...	...	...	1,267
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1906	...	...	...	3,734
Number of volumes added by purchase	...	...	...	616
„ „ „ gift	...	...	...	2
Total number added during the year	...	...	...	618
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1907	...	...	...	4,352
Book lost and paid for by borrower	...	...	...	1
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	48
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1907	...	...	...	1,124

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	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Agent-General for Australia ... ..	1	
Anonymous ... ..	1	
" B.A.," London ... ..	2	
Board of Agriculture ... ..	1	
Board of Trade ... ..	1	
Bonnefin, Dr., 202 High Road, Leytonstone	3	
Bridge, Mr. J. H. (The author) ... ..	1	
Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Canada	1	
Co-operative Tenants' Housing Council ...	1	
Keig, Mr. W., Douglas, Isle of Man ... ..	1	
Librarian, University, Aberdeen ... ..	1	
London County Council ... ..		4
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Nicholas, Mr. J. H., County Offices, Chelmsford ... ..	1	
Pratt, Mr. E. A. (The author) ... ..	1	
Pritchard, Mr. Chas. H., 51 Peterboro' Road, Leytonstone ... ..	3	
South-Eastern Railway Company ... ..	1	
Stubbs Publishing Company ... ..	1	
University Tutorial Press ... ..	1	
Watson, Mr. C. M., 47 Victoria Street, S.W.	1	
West Ham Guardians ... ..	4	
Wire, Mr. A. P., Birkbeck Road, Leytonstone ... ..		Collection of local cuttings.

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Area of the district	...	..	...	...	...	2,491 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	... 108,000
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...		£491,829 15 0
Acts adopted	...	...	...	...		November, 1891
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	...	...	...		June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened						February, 1897
Children's Library opened	...	...	...	...		March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened					...	May, 1898
Book Delivery Station		„		„		February, 1899
„	„	„	Leytonstone	„		December, 1899
„	„	„	„	closed	...	June, 1901
Lea Bridge (Carnegie) Library opened	...			...	...	April, 1906

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# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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# Librarian's Annual Report,

1907-1908.



*To the Chairman and Members of the Library  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour of submitting to you my Fifteenth Annual Report on the Leyton Public Libraries. Year by year it has been my privilege to bring before you in the Annual Report various phases of the character of our work, as well as to record the extension of the Library's operations.

How large and important a place the Library fills in the public life is perhaps more often taken for granted than adequately realised or thoughtfully considered. Were it only a channel for the circulation of what is called "light literature," the existence of the institutions would be more than justified. But beyond all that the Public Library ministers in an ever increasing degree to the wants of all classes of the community. While a Library of this character cannot to any extent become a collection of rare editions, costly in proportion to their rarity, yet it has been possible to acquire valuable works—not easily obtainable by the individual—of interest to the student and to men whose delight is in literary research. It is particularly pleasing to note the use made of the Libraries by a growing number of young men of studious character, and it is one of the features of a librarian's work, that he is so frequently able to direct young students to the best sources for obtaining instruction in their pursuits. Another class of visitors, whom it is our pleasure to serve, are the business men—men whose leisure is limited, but who are given to reading and appreciate good books, and who are always grateful for any help given them in the selection of volumes which may interest and instruct.

The most striking event in the year now under review is the opening of the Branch Library at Leytonstone, thus completing the scheme of Libraries so long contemplated. The Library was formally opened by Councillor Guy on January 18th. It is too early to state that the most sanguine anticipations have already been realised, with which this latest addition to our family of Libraries was confidently regarded ere it came into being, but the facts that during the ten weeks of its existence, prior to the closing of this Report, 18,396 books were issued and 28,884 readers visited the Reading Rooms, are "no mean earnest" of a great issue during the year, and foretell a vigorous and useful career when this infant shall have attained maturer age.

Another event in the year's work has been the Exhibition illustrating the "process of Book production," opened at Lea Bridge Branch Library on February 5th. A noteworthy feature in connection with the Exhibition was the visits paid by some 1,500 children in 32 groups, from the Elementary Schools of the district, in charge of their teachers. On the occasion of each of these visits your Librarian personally attended and described the various exhibits, and explained their uses in the making of books. The process of paper-making, type-casting, the setting and arrangement of the type in forme, the preparation of the stereotype cylinder, wood-cuts, electro-plates, the marvels of the Linotype machine, and the various stages of many kinds of bookbinding were all described. Not the least interesting section of the Exhibition was the collection of objects showing the processes in the printing and illustrating of a newspaper, kindly lent by the proprietors of the "Daily Chronicle."

The show cases in the Central Reading Room have been made additionally attractive through the kindness of Mr. F. James, of Holcombe, Bath, who lent a miner's lamp, candlestick, and scoring sticks. These latter were shown and explained at the Book Exhibition at Lea Bridge, and evoked many expressions of appreciation of the very ingenious, though primitive, forms of communication indicated thereon.

For the beautiful collection of Prints and Engravings displayed in the Central Reading Room we are indebted to Mr. Henry Hayes, of Leytonstone. This collection has been changed several times during the year, and has attracted much attention.

Large increases have been made to our stock since the last Report, and in the selection of new volumes the tastes and requirements of our large and varied class of readers have been carefully considered. The total number of books now in the Libraries amounts to 34,238, divided as follows :—

Central	...	...	...	...	24,859
Lea Bridge	...	...	...	...	4,933
Leytonstone	...	...	...	...	4,439

I may be permitted to point out that the number of books allocated to the Branches does not fully represent the total strength of those Libraries, for while it is not expedient to duplicate or triplicate a large number of works in the higher branches of knowledge, selections of works from each class are sent from the Central Library to each Branch, which selection will be added to or exchanged as opportunity arises or occasion demands. It may be further mentioned that the whole resources of the Central Library are available to every reader at the Branches, who may have any book sent to the Library most convenient to him. Thus the maximum of efficiency and usefulness is attained at a minimum of cost.

In considering the statistics relating to the readers, the fact must not be overlooked that only 10 weeks of the work of Leytonstone Library is included in these returns.

The total number of books issued during the year was 241,957, a net increase upon the previous year's issue of 44,084, or if the Leytonstone issues are deducted we still register an increase of 25,688; while the total number of readers in all departments were no fewer than 635,008.

These are detailed as follows :—

Issues from the Central Library	...	...	164,772
„ „ Lea Bridge	„	...	58,789
„ „ Leytonstone	„	...	18,396
Readers in the Central Reading Room	...	...	208,206
„ „ Lea Bridge	„	...	155,961
„ „ Leytonstone	„	...	28,884

It might not unreasonably have been supposed that the opening of two attractive and well equipped Branch Libraries would have materially relieved the pressure upon the Central Library, but it is significant that although between 70,000 and 80,000 volumes have been issued from the Branches, this has scarcely affected the issues at the Central—the difference on the whole year being but 839 books. This fact discloses a genuine extension of the Libraries' operations, and manifests an entirely new and enlarged clientelage. Such a remarkable illustration of the extended sphere of our activities and the evident appreciation of these developments on the part of the public, emphatically justifies the wisdom of the Committee in establishing these Libraries, while it would be no less pleasing to Dr. Carnegie to know that the institutions made practicable by his munificence are so largely used.

It is gratifying to note that the Library is contributing so markedly not only to the interest and recreation of our readers; but in an eminent degree is also serving those higher purposes of education and enlightenment which are the ultimate aims of a Public Library. If one turns to Table II., which gives an analysis of the class of literature read, it will be seen that 106,291 volumes are of a non-fictional character. This increased demand for the more solid class of books is significant of much that is healthy and promising in the public taste. In this connection, too, it should be remembered that many of the works of fiction represent the best forms of English literature. While it is true that one should not make Scott's novels a text-book for the study of history, it is none the less true that there are works of fiction which convey to the reader clearer conceptions of the character and conditions of English life, than perhaps they could gain by some concise manual specifically dealing with the particular period covered by the tale. Stories of English, Scotch, and Welsh village life—stories entirely void of anything akin to sensationalism—have been in eager demand, and works of this character have more than held their own against the claims of books whose chief appeal is in their extravagant and sensational plots.

It is our aim to make the Library the intellectual home of the district, and in a very real sense the "university of the people." uplifting those upon whose support it depends,

and it is with much pleasure I report that 8,347 volumes have been used in the Reference Library during the year, being an increase of nearly 1,500, and the largest number I have ever been able to report before.

In reviewing the issues of the past year one is tempted to transgress the limits of a necessarily brief report and moralise on the effect upon the District by the dissemination of such an amount of mental pabulum. The love of books is at enmity with the base and the mean, and such a love surely encourages the love of things of good report.

“ Misers and bookmen make poor company,  
Nor dwell in peace beneath the same roof-tree.”

It is with these thoughts in mind that I commend to your consideration the appended tables, showing the classification of the stock, the readers, the issues, and other details.

The Library Magazine has been continued as in former years, and has enabled us to keep our readers acquainted with the latest additions to our shelves. The circulation of this Magazine is well maintained, and is eagerly looked for by our regular readers.

It is satisfactory to record that out of so large an issue as I have reported that only three books of the value of 9s. were missing at Stocktaking.

It would not be right to close my Report without expressing my high appreciation of the efficient services of my Assistants. The rearrangement of duties consequent upon the opening of the Leytonstone Library entailed many additional demands upon their time, but the duties have been cheerfully discharged and the work of reorganisation robbed of its difficulties by their loyalty and zeal.

To those who have made contributions of books and magazines to the Library, my hearty thanks are given, and I would again express my indebtedness to the Editors and Proprietors of our local newspapers for the repeated instances upon which they have lent us their aid.

To the Chairman and Members of this Committee I desire once more to tender my cordial thanks for their unvarying kindness and considerate help.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Z. MOON,

*Librarian.*

TABLE I.

**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Central Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	1161
Science and Art...	...	...	...	2566
Sociology	...	...	...	701
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	6315
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	544
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	3860
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	2528
Magazines	...	...	...	463
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	818
Reference Library	...	...	...	5903
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**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Leytonstone Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	3
Science and Art	...	...	...	130
Sociology	...	...	...	7
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	3041
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	5
History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	26
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	1137
Magazines	...	...	...	42
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	13
Reference Library	...	...	...	35
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				4439
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TABLE I.—*Continued.*

**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Lea Bridge Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	7
Biography	...	...	...	5
Science and Art...	...	...	...	137
Sociology	...	...	...	10
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	3384
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	8
History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	34
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	1237
Magazines	...	...	...	52
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	21
Reference Library	...	...	...	36
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				4931
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TABLE II.

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1907-8.

Central.

Month.	Days Open.	A	C	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	R.L.	Totals	Averages
April, 1907...	21	151	811	71	8589	46	562	3942	432	182	545	15331	730
May " "	21	151	726	70	8088	54	474	3547	352	127	636	14225	677.3
* June " "	10	35	234	20	2895	24	191	1207	103	14	330	5053	505.3
July " "	22	109	601	55	6629	59	448	3195	332	59	648	12135	551.5
August " "	22	126	676	60	7372	43	439	2801	322	70	696	12605	572.9
September " "	21	124	686	64	7578	53	519	2883	325	83	642	12957	617
October " "	22	142	790	111	8693	92	599	4038	417	107	977	15966	725.7
November " "	22	128	849	100	8841	85	613	4215	536	147	848	16362	743.7
December " "	21	146	772	69	7996	77	538	4017	581	157	753	15106	719.3
January, 1908...	22	107	839	68	8409	60	595	4022	591	115	920	15726	714.8
February " "	21	157	966	76	8055	56	662	3583	595	92	712	14954	712
March " "	22	140	871	58	7915	61	600	3403	563	101	640	14352	652.3
Totals 1907-8	247	1516	8821	822	91060	710	6240	40853	5149	1254	8347	164772	667

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—Continued.

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1907-8.

## Lea Bridge.

Month.	Days Open	A	B	C	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	Totals	Averages
April, 1907...	21	11	7	87	6	2489	5	63	1829	260	24	4781	227.6
May " " "	21	6	5	78	7	2591	4	59	1750	266	24	4790	228
* June " " "	10	—	—	21	4	943	1	14	538	94	4	1619	161.9
July " " "	22	5	5	44	7	2375	2	49	1428	220	37	4172	189.6
August " " "	22	5	7	59	7	2717	4	35	1449	183	21	4487	203.9
September " " "	21	7	7	87	8	2796	4	45	1329	138	25	4446	211.7
October " " "	22	6	4	106	10	3357	10	50	1745	223	22	5533	251.5
November " " "	22	3	2	95	8	3466	3	50	2044	201	38	5910	268.6
December " " "	21	6	1	132	8	3078	5	49	1743	144	29	5195	247.3
January, 1908 ...	22	8	5	163	8	3428	8	49	1953	228	25	5875	267
February " " "	21	9	3	126	8	3622	5	37	1858	186	30	5884	280.1
March " " "	22	6	2	362	5	3963	5	57	2426	252	19	7097	322.5
Totals 1907-8 ...	247	72	48	1360	86	34825	56	557	20092	2395	298	59789	242

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—*Continued.*

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1908.

Leytonstone.

Month.	Days Open.	A	C	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	Totals	Averages
January, 1908...	9	—	31	—	652	—	8	545	9	7	1252	139.1
February " ...	21	20	138	4	4419	6	78	2696	35	28	7424	353.5
March " ...	22	25	410	12	5999	18	102	2985	129	40	9720	441.8
Totals 1908	52	45	579	16	11070	24	188	6226	173	75	18396	353.7

TABLE III.  
Comparative Table of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Central Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philo- sophy.	Science and Art	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Refer- ence Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1907-8	247	1516	8821	822	91060	710	6240	40853	5149	1254	8347	164772	667
1906-7	241	1510	7808	869	94633	801	5894	40798	4553	1798	6947	165611	687.18
1905-6	243	1609	9012	1007	108942	864	7009	49571	5078	1788	7752	192632	792.72
1904-5	245	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8901	179142	731.19
1903-4	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661.13
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.629
*1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.801
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440.62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494.799
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414.421
Totals 1893-1907	3625	19574	116673	10411	1348009	10845	95923	535940	53813	23924	84728	2300840	634.7

\* Closed for Alterations.

TABLE III.—*Continued.*

Comparative Tables of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Lea Bridge Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Phil- osophy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama	History, Biog- raphy and Travel.	Juvenile Litera- ture.	Maga- zines.	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Refer- ence Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1906-7	...	27	400	73	16761	10	434	12762	1589	206	—	32262	168.91
1907-8	...	72	1360	86	34825	56	629	20092	2395	298	—	58789	242
Totals 1906-1908	438	99	1760	159	51586	66	1063	32854	3984	504	—	91051	207.8

Table of Issues since the Opening of the Leytonstone Library.

1908	...	52	45	579	16	11070	24	188	6226	173	75	—	18396	353.7
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**TABLE IV.**  
**Percentages of Issues (Central).**

CLASS.	1906-7	1907-8.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·91	·92
Science and Art ... ..	4·71	5·35
Sociology ... ..	·52	·49
Prose Fiction ... ..	57·14	55·26
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·48	·43
Biography, History, Voyages, and Travel	3·55	3·78
Juvenile Literature ... ..	24·63	24·79
Magazines ... ..	2·74	3·12
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	1·08	·76
Reference Library ... ..	4·19	5·06

**Percentages of Issues (Lea Bridge).**

	1906-7.	1907-8.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·08	·12
Biography ... ..	·15	·08
Science and Art ... ..	1·23	2·27
Sociology .. ...	·22	·14
Prose Fiction ... ..	51·95	58·24
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·03	·09
History and Travel ... ..	1·18	·93
Juvenile Literature ... ..	39·55	33 6
Magazines ... ..	4·92	4
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	·63	·49

**Percentages of Issues (Leytonstone).**

	1907-8.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·24
Science and Art ... ..	3·14
Sociology ... ..	·08
Prose Fiction ... ..	60·17
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·13
History and Travel ... ..	1·02
Juvenile Literature ... ..	33·84
Magazines ... ..	·94
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	·40

TABLE V.

## Borrowers' Occupations, 1907-8.

	Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Accountants ... ..	14	3	4
Actors ... ..	2	0	0
Agents and Collectors ... ..	30	23	18
Apprentices and Assistants ... ..	35	28	24
Architects and Surveyors ... ..	3	5	2
Art Metal Workers ... ..	2	3	2
Artists and Designers ... ..	7	3	1
Bakers and Confectioners ... ..	10	5	0
Bootmakers ... ..	5	3	5
Bricklayers and Labourers ... ..	14	4	2
Builders and Masons ... ..	4	11	7
Building Inspector ... ..	0	0	1
Butchers ... ..	3	0	0
Cabinet Makers ... ..	0	1	2
Carmen ... ..	1	1	4
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..	14	5	8
Chemists and Druggists ... ..	7	4	1
Civil Servants ... ..	16	15	2
Clerks, Bookkeepers, &c. ... ..	363	234	66
Coach and Waggon Makers... ..	7	2	1
Coffee-house Keepers ... ..	1	1	0
Contractors ... ..	0	1	1
Domestic Servants ... ..	6	21	12
Drapers and Milliners ... ..	34	12	5
Dressmakers and Machinists ... ..	22	33	6
Electricians and Electric Workers ... ..	2	3	4
Engineers, Fitters and Mechanics ... ..	49	34	14
French Polishers ... ..	1	0	1
Furriers ... ..	2	1	1

TABLE V.—*Continued.*

				Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge
Gardeners and Florists	...	...	...	1	2	0
Groom	..	...	...	0	1	0
Hairdressers	...	...	...	2	2	0
Inspectors	...	...	...	4	1	0
Ivory Workers	...	...	...	2	0	0
Japanner	...	...	...	0	1	0
Jewellers and Watchmakers	...	...	...	2	2	1
Journalists	...	...	...	7	1	0
Lamplighters	...	...	...	1	1	0
Laundrymen	...	...	...	2	1	0
Library Assistants	...	...	...	3	0	0
Licensed Victuallers	...	...	...	1	1	1
Managers and Superintendents				20	7	0
Mariners	...	...	...	2	2	0
Merchants and Manufacturers	...			4	11	10
Messengers and Office Boys...	...			21	4	2
Ministers and Clergy	...	...	...	8	5	1
Moulder	...	...	...	0	1	0
Musicians	...	...	...	3	2	1
Nurses	...	...	...	8	4	3
Omnibus Conductors	...	...	...	2	0	1
Photographers	...	...	...	1	2	0
Physicians and Surgeons	...	...	...	3	1	0
Pianoforte Maker	...	...	...	1	0	0
Picture Frame Maker	...	...	...	1	0	0
Plumbers, Decorators, and Painters				10	12	1
Police Constables	...	...	...	4	0	0
Porters and Attendants	...	...	...	2	3	0
Post Office Employés	...	...	...	3	16	10
Printers	...	...	...	19	15	6
Railway Employés	...	...	...	30	6	3
Registrars	...	...	...	1	1	0

TABLE V.—*Continued.*

	Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge
Rule Maker ... ..	0	1	0
Saddler ... ..	1	0	0
Salvation Army Officers ... ..	1	1	0
Sanitary Inspectors ... ..	1	1	0
Scholars and Students ... ..	688	397	288
School Attendance Officers ... ..	2	0	1
Schoolmasters, Mistresses, & Teachers	114	66	29
Shipbuilder ... ..	1	0	0
Shopkeepers ... ..	33	20	20
Solicitors ... ..	0	0	2
Stewards and Waiters ... ..	3	4	0
Tailors ... ..	11	5	4
Telephone Operators ... ..	7	2	0
Tinplate Workers ... ..	2	0	0
Tramway Officials ... ..	0	3	0
Travellers ... ..	22	30	14
Umbrella Maker ... ..	1	0	0
Warehousemen ... ..	18	13	10
Not stated ... ..	643	419	233
	<hr/> 2375 <hr/>	<hr/> 1523 <hr/>	<hr/> 835 <hr/>

TABLE VI.

Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.

Central.					
Borrowers left the District	...	...	...	...	55
Cancelled, expired, and not called for	...	...	...	...	1,650
					<u>1,705</u>
Lea Bridge.					
Borrowers left the District	...	...	...	...	85
Cancelled, and not called for	...	..	...	...	167
					<u>252</u>

## SUMMARY—CENTRAL.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	...	247
Books issued	...	...	...	...	164772
Average daily issue	...	...	...	...	667
Largest daily issue, April 2nd, 1907	...	...	...	...	1075
Smallest daily issue, August 2nd, 1907	...	...	...	...	360
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	...	13731
Largest monthly issue, October, 1907	...	...	...	...	15966
Smallest monthly issue, June, 1907	...	...	...	...	5053
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1907	...	...	...	...	24291
Number of volumes added by purchase	...	...	...	...	1292
„ „ „ gift	...	...	...	...	14
„ „ „ magazines bound	...	...	...	...	100
Total number added during the year	...	...	...	...	1406
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...	...	...	838
Net increase	...	...	...	...	568
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1908	...	...	...	...	24859
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	...	9
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	...	2255
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	...	482
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1907	...	...	...	...	4980
Borrowers registered during the year	...	2375	...	...	
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired	...	1705	...	...	
Net increase	...	...	...	...	670
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1908	...	...	...	...	5650

## SUMMARY—LEA BRIDGE.

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Days the Library was open ... ..	247
Books issued ... ..	59789
Average daily issue ... ..	242
Largest daily issue, March 19th, 1908 ... ..	580
Smallest daily issue, July 5th, 1907 ... ..	99
Average monthly issue ... ..	4982
Largest monthly issue, March, 1908 ... ..	7097
Smallest monthly issue, July, 1907 ... ..	4172
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1907 ... ..	4352
Number of volumes added by purchase ... ..	570
„ „ „ gift ... ..	1
„ „ „ magazines bound ... ..	9
Total number added during the year ... ..	580
Withdrawn from circulation ... ..	1
Net increase ... ..	579
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	4931
Books lost and paid for by borrowers ... ..	4
Books worn out and replaced ... ..	6
Notices posted for overdue books ... ..	157
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1907 ... ..	1124
Borrowers registered during the year ... ..	835
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired ... ..	252
Net increase .... ..	583
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	1707

### SUMMARY—LEYTONSTONE.

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Days the Library was open ... ..	52
Books issued ... ..	18396
Average daily issue ... ..	353·7
Largest daily issue, March 19th, 1908 ... ..	580
Smallest daily issue, January 21st, 1908 ... ..	44
Average monthly issue ... ..	6132
Largest monthly issue, March, 1908 ... ..	9720
Smallest monthly issue, January, 1908 ... ..	1252
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	4439
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	1523

## DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1907-8.

	Vols.	
Anonymous ... ..		45 parts.
Austin, Mr. W., 125, Dawlish Road, Leyton	27	
" B.A. London " (author) ... ..		3 pamp.
Borrajio, Mr. E. M., Guildhall Library, E.C....	9	
Caine, Rev. C., Ipswich (author) ... ..		1 do.
Dawson, Mr. W., Town Hall, Leyton ...	1	
Deards, Mr. S., Harlow (author) ... ..		1 do.
Dowding, Mr. Councillor, Colchester Road, Leyton ... ..		6 do.
Fairbairn & Wingfield, Messrs., 64, Cannon Street, E.C. ... ..	17	
General Manager, Paddington Station ...	1	
Glenny, Mr. W., Barking ... ..	1	
Gould, Mr. I. C., Loughton (author) ... ..		2 do.
Grigg, Mr. W. G., 8, Ruckholt Road, Leyton	1	
Grigg, Mr. W. J., 50, Leyton Park Road, Leyton ... ..	1	
Hammock, Mr. W. G., High Road, Leyton- stone (author) ... ..	1	
Hayes, Mr. H., Southwell Grove Road, Ley- tonstone ... ..	8	24 prints.
Hogan, Dr. J. F. Butler-, Tottenham U.D.C.	1	
Holdgate, Mr. R., Crawley Road, Leyton ...	7	
Humphreys, Mr. H., Beechcroft Road, Leyton- stone ... ..		3 pamp.
Johnston, Mr. A., J.P., Woodford ... ..	1	
Layton, Chas. & E., 56, Farringdon Street, E.C. (publishers) ... ..	2	
Liddiard, Mr. T. W., Walthamstow Education Offices ... ..	2	
London Directory Co., 25, Abchurch Lane, E.C. ... ..	1	
McGrath, Miss, Cumberland ... ..	1	
Manager, London Bridge Station ... ..	2	
Mather & Crowther, Messrs., New Bridge Street, E.C. ... ..	1	
Mitchell, Mr. Councillor, Beacontree Road, Leytonstone ... ..	1	
Pittam, Mr. Councillor, J.P., Manor Road, Leyton ... ..		1 do.

**DONORS**—*Continued.*

	Vols.	
Pratt, Mr. E. A., Farnborough, Kent (author)	1	
Principal, Hackney Institute ... ..	1	
Principal, London County Council School, Bolt Court ... ..	1	
Rafter, Mr. J., University College, Bristol ...	1	
Secretary, Church Emigration Society ...	1	
Secretary, National Union of Teachers ...	1	
Secretary, St. Albans Branch of Church of England Temperance Society ...	1	
Smith, Mr. W., c/o Messrs. Grant Richards (author) ... ..	1	
Statistical Officer, London County Council ...		2 pamp.
Stringer, Miss, 30, Granleigh Road, Leytonstone ... ..	21	
Tallack, Mr. R. J., 48, Wellesley Road, Leytonstone ... ..	2	
Town Clerk, Exeter ... ..	1	
Trustees late Mr. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., per Mr. Murray ... ..	3	
University Tutorial College, Cambridge ...	1	
Webb, Mr. J., Oliver Road, Leyton (author)...		4 do.
Wright, Mr. C., 53, St. George's Road, Leyton ... ..	20	

Reports, Catalogues, &c., from the following Public Libraries and Institutions:—

Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Bangor (U.S.A.), Barry, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Chicago (U.S.A.), City of Preston (N.J.), Cork, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Detroit (U.S.A.), Dewsbury, Dunkfield, Erith, Folkestone, Gloucester, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hyde, Kensal Rise, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Portsmouth, Richmond, Salem (U.S.A.), Scranton (U.S.A.), Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Toronto (Canada), Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, Westminster, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Worcester, York.

## M E M O R A B I L I A .

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Area of the district ...	...	...	...	...	2,594 acres
Population (Estimated) ...	...	...	...	...	120,000
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	...	£498,463 15 0
Acts adopted...	...	...	...	...	November, 1891
Librarian appointed . .	...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened	...	..	...	...	June, 1893
Reference Library and Reading Room opened...					February, 1897
Children's Library opened ...	...	...	...	...	March, 1897
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened				...	May, 1898
„ „ „			closed	...	January, 1908
Book Delivery Station	„		opened	...	February, 1899
„ „ „			closed	...	January, 1908
„ „ Leytonsto			opened	...	December, 1899
„ „ „			closed	...	June, 1901
Lea Bridge (Carnegie) Library opened ...			...	...	April, 1906
Leytonstone (Carnegie) Library opened			...	...	January, 1908

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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*I give and bequeath to the Leyton Urban District Council in the County of Essex, out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated for the purpose, the sum of*

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*free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the said Council, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater efficiency of the said Library.*

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*Donations may be notified to the Librarian, Public Library, Leyton, and will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.*



# LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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# Librarian's Annual Report,

## 1908-1909.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Libraries.  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour of submitting my Sixteenth Annual Report upon the work of the Leyton Public Libraries.

It is sometimes said "Happy is the people that has no history." In one respect that felicity is ours, for the year just closed has not been marked by any such striking developments as we have chronicled during the past few years; no new Branches have been opened, no new scheme of extension has been formulated, but quietly and uninterruptedly our work has progressed and prospered.

A review of the year's work awakens reflections which are alike instructive and interesting. One is assured that the present age is a reading age. Although athleticism and the passion for out-door sports claim an ever-increasing multitude of devotees, whose feverish pursuit of the pleasures of the field would seem to leave no leisure for the quieter claims of literature, yet surely never was the love of books more manifest than it is to-day. Frequently we hear from the circle of savants disparaging contrasts drawn between our own times and the times of the Renaissance and the Elizabethan period. In such comparisons it should, however, be remembered that during the Renaissance the New Learning affected chiefly and directly the Universities and other great centres of learning, and touched but little the life of the common people. To a less extent this applies to the people under Elizabeth, for even at that time vast numbers of the men of learning were men of practically one book. But now all classes read on all subjects, as I think the following statistics will prove :—

The total number of volumes in the Central and Branch Libraries now reaches 35,408, of which 25,389 are at the Central Library, 4,745 at the Leytonstone Library, and 5,274 at the Lea Bridge Library.

The additions have been made by the purchase of 1,084 books, and 41 are gifts presented by people who realise how intimately the Public Library touches the life of the community.

I would remind you of the arrangement whereby any work of a non-fictional character in any of our Lending Departments can be obtained at any Library, whether it is included in the catalogue of that particular library or not. By this means of inter-communication the dissemination of the best classes of literature is increased with little inconvenience, and with no appreciable extra cost, while in addition to the Library stock a large number of expensive works are obtained for the readers by subscription to Mudie's Select Library.

As foreshadowed in my last report, the Leytonstone Library has been in every sense a pronounced success, even exceeding our most sanguine expectations. In the first year (1893-4) that the Central Library was opened—when it had the attraction of novelty—the total circulation was 105,263. The issues from the Leytonstone Branch at the end of its first year amounted to 107,774. So the child develops more rapidly than its mother, as the life of to-day is more strenuous than the life of the days that are gone.

The issues from Lea Bridge number 64,995, an increase of over 6,000 on the issue of the previous year. In considering the returns from Lea Bridge Branch, it must be borne in mind that this Library is situated almost on the extreme border of our Urban District, and the number of readers who would find this Library their most convenient centre is thereby limited. It is perhaps not to be expected that Lea Bridge will ever seriously rival the Central or Leytonstone Libraries in the number of its issues, nevertheless its position on the district frontier enables it to minister to a not inconsiderable portion of the district which could not be adequately served in any other way.

Of necessity the vigorous activities of the Branches have to some extent modified the demands upon the Central Library, where the issues have been 153,054, or only 11,718 fewer than in the preceding year.

The total circulation for the year reaches 325,783, of which 134,147 are works of a non-fictional character. If we compare these figures with those of nine years ago we find an increase of 176,802, this increase alone being 27,821 in excess of the total issue for that year.

In addition to this large issue, 490,222 readers have visited the Reading Rooms, making a total number of readers during the year of 816,005.

The consideration of these figures will be gratifying to all who are interested in our work, and who believe that the Libraries are assisting in the education and development of the people. It will be seen that the Libraries are a department of the Council's work which serves a larger number of the inhabitants of the District than any other department under its control, with the exception of the tramways. In this connection I would commend to your notice the details of borrowers' occupations as set out in Table V., by which it will be seen that all classes are served by this most democratic institution.

It is evident from the large turnover indicated by the figures given above, that there has been a large and persistent demand upon the time and energies of the Librarian and his staff, but it is likewise obvious that a large amount of technical work, the details of which scarcely admit of being summarised or defined, must have been done. Some idea of the variety of this work might be gained by anyone who would spend, say, a week, in the Library, and consider the questions which are addressed to us. Questions of translation from ancient and modern languages not infrequently meet us. Questions dealing with abstruse points of science or philosophy are asked. Yet, while many of the inquiries made might not unnaturally be regarded as lying outside the province of the Librarian, no efforts have been spared to satisfy the inquirer, and if in some instances full information of the points desired was not given, we at least endeavoured to place the inquirer on the right road to obtain the knowledge sought.

A few of the questions which meet us from time to time may afford some glimpse into a feature of our work not often imagined :—

“When did Queen Victoria first visit Scotland, and how did she travel?” Answered.

“What is cocoa-nut poonac?” Answered.

“What is the English translation of a German passage at the foot of page 400 of Drummond’s ‘Natural law in the spiritual world?’” Answered.

“Who wrote ‘Dulce et decorum est pro patrie mori?’” Answered.

“Who sculptured the lions around Nelson’s monument?” Answered.

“Who wrote, and in what book can the following lines be found?—

‘When he came to his ain door,  
He tirl’d at the pin,  
And ready was his fair faure luv,  
To rise and let him in.’”

Answered.

“What is the legend of Atlantis, and has it been introduced into any novels?” Answered.

And a host of other equally interesting questions.

To give assistance to readers in the selection of books, and to direct them to the best methods of using books of reference, &c., to a profitable end, has been a natural and pleasant part of our work. Particularly pleasing has it been to serve, as in past years, a large number of young students, who visit the Libraries with regularity and serious intent.

Valuable additions have been made to our stock, and the new volumes have embraced all sections of literature. The work of selection has been done with care, and no book has been recommended for purchase without thought and research. “Of making many books there is no end,” and in the choice of works of an educational nature every effort has been made to secure the best.

In the selection of works of Fiction the same care is necessary. Not every volume which appears under the ægis of some publishing house of good repute can safely be recommended for general circulation, and the “Books Committee” has exercised a wise discrimination in the purchases, remembering always that a well-equipped library is to serve the threefold purpose of entertainment, enlightenment, and culture.

Tables of statistics and numerical returns are not usually interesting reading, and are generally taken "as read"; but for men of mathematical mind who desire to gain knowledge of the exact details of such parts of our work as admit of tabulation, the following tables will be of value, and if read with an intelligent imagination, they will not, I think, be found void of interest.

It has been my duty in past reports to mention the unvarying courtesy and helpfulness of the proprietors and editors of our local newspapers. I do so again this year, with special emphasis. Week by week we have been privileged to announce in their columns the latest volumes added to our Libraries, and thus a wide circle of our readers has been kept in touch with our progress, and have been quick to avail themselves of the information disseminated in this convenient form.

For the success which has marked the year under review, I am deeply indebted to the loyalty and zeal of the various members of my staff. The continual work involved in the increase of our circulation has been undertaken with uninterrupted harmony, and I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the efficient services thus rendered.

To the donors of books, pamphlets, etc., I express my hearty thanks. Particulars of these gifts are given at the end of this report.

To the Chairman and the members of this Committee, I desire to again tender my thanks for their courtesy towards myself and for the unvarying kindness shown throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) Z. MOON,

*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Central Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	1168
Science and Art	...	...	...	2627
Sociology	...	...	...	721
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	6467
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	547
Biography, History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	3934
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	2553
Magazines	...	...	...	476
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	832
Reference Library	...	...	...	6064
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**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Leytonstone Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	7
Biography	...	...	...	2
Science and Art	...	...	...	173
Sociology	...	...	...	14
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	3186
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	5
History, Voyages and Travels...	...	...	...	54
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	1165
Magazines	...	...	...	66
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	24
Reference Library	...	...	...	49
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TABLE I.—*Continued.*

**Number and Classification of Volumes in the  
Lea Bridge Library.**

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	11
Biography	...	...	...	7
Science and Art	...	...	...	173
Sociology	...	...	...	17
Prose Fiction	...	...	...	3566
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	...	...	...	8
History, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	54
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	1289
Magazines	...	...	...	70
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	25
Reference Library	...	...	...	54
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				5274
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**TABLE II.**  
**Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1908-9.**  
**Central.**

Month	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1908...	18	111	793	74	6912	55	465	2945	457	72	576	12460	692
May " "	22	140	862	81	7290	60	553	3273	433	95	627	13414	609.2
* June " "	13	52	367	42	3344	13	230	1534	205	48	401	6236	477.4
July " "	19	88	569	53	4774	34	330	2185	305	68	527	8933	470.1
August " "	21	86	741	73	6312	38	451	2203	367	90	539	10900	519
September " "	21	122	815	85	7199	54	529	2662	362	90	751	12669	603.2
October " "	23	134	952	91	8285	96	628	3432	426	114	1001	15159	659
November " "	21	129	891	127	7485	87	668	3769	437	148	725	14466	688.8
December " "	20	136	750	84	6944	66	535	3439	599	119	576	13248	691.2
January, 1909...	22	199	900	107	7787	91	682	3603	653	126	652	14800	671.7
February " "	20	147	953	88	7748	56	638	3455	557	107	861	14610	730.5
March " "	22	141	967	100	8585	79	732	4155	505	123	772	16159	
<b>Totals 1908-9</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1485</b>	<b>9560</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>82665</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>6441</b>	<b>36655</b>	<b>5306</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>8008</b>	<b>153054</b>	<b>632.4</b>

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—Continued.

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1908-9.  
Leytonstone.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1908...	18	20	—	346	9	5701	18	104	2688	164	31	9081	504.5
May " ...	22	22	—	335	23	5791	17	118	2766	152	50	9274	421.3
* June " ...	13	8	2	161	6	2774	6	65	1299	99	23	4443	341.7
July " ...	19	17	1	278	6	4134	9	62	1867	131	25	6530	343.6
August " ...	21	24	—	387	12	5165	9	191	1811	137	40	7776	370.2
September " ...	21	19	2	450	15	5964	8	195	2007	185	49	8894	423.5
October " ...	23	21	—	429	14	7223	6	201	2459	234	62	10649	463
November " ...	21	23	1	515	18	6696	14	206	2488	282	47	10290	490
December " ...	20	13	6	374	28	6023	14	168	2466	251	50	9393	469.6
January, 1909 ...	22	22	6	480	22	6778	17	197	2667	316	50	10555	479.7
February " ...	20	23	6	367	18	6559	17	172	2395	263	46	9866	493.3
March " ...	22	18	5	428	23	7282	11	201	2781	230	44	11023	501
Totals 1908-9 ...	242	230	29	4550	194	70090	146	1880	27694	2444	517	107774	445.3

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—Continued.

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1908-9.  
Lea Bridge.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Biography.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and Drama.	History and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Totals	Daily Average.
April, 1908...	18	13	1	283	5	3625	1	74	2244	251	16	6513	361.8
May " "	22	11	2	268	6	3764	7	80	2159	222	24	6543	297.4
June " "	13	8	—	110	2	1570	4	35	917	134	7	2787	214.3
July " "	19	4	1	108	4	2198	1	28	1389	182	12	3927	206.6
August " "	21	13	—	87	11	2838	6	48	1418	181	14	4616	219.8
September " "	21	16	—	121	13	3176	8	86	1224	164	20	4828	229.9
October " "	23	23	3	135	29	3842	12	105	1559	253	36	5996	260.6
November " "	21	19	3	168	18	3494	8	86	1537	225	33	5591	266.2
December " "	20	9	—	130	13	3143	8	73	1413	261	20	5070	253.5
January, 1909...	22	15	3	185	19	3661	6	94	1692	323	23	6021	273.6
February " "	20	17	2	162	11	3596	11	98	1971	293	24	6185	309.2
March " "	22	21	6	166	11	3974	7	147	2301	225	20	6878	312.6
Totals 1908-9 ...	242	169	21	1923	142	38881	79	954	19824	2714	248	64955	264.2

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE III.

Comparative Table of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Central Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philo- sophy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biography and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Refer- ence Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1908-9	242	1485	9560	1005	82665	729	6441	36655	5306	1200	8008	153054	632'4
1907-8	247	1516	8821	822	91060	710	6240	40853	5149	1254	8347	164772	667
1906-7	241	1510	7808	869	94633	801	5894	40798	4553	1798	6947	165611	687'18
1905-6	243	1609	9012	1007	108942	864	7009	49571	5078	1788	7752	192632	792'72
1904-5	245	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8961	179142	731'19
1903-4	245	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772'23
1902-3	253	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736'25
1901-2	243	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684'1
1900-1	242	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676'05
1899-1900	245	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608'08
1898-9	243	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661'13
1897-8	254	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686'62
*1896-7	181	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415'80
1895-6	245	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440'62
1894-5	244	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494'79
1893-4	254	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414'42
Totals 1893-1908	3867	22059	126233	11416	1430674	11574	102364	572595	59119	25124	92736	2453894	634'57

\* Closed for Alterations.

TABLE III.—Continued.

Table of Issues since the Opening of the Leytonstone Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Phil- osophy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama	History, Biog- raphy and Travel.	Juvenile Litera- ture.	Mag- azines.	Miscel- laneous Litera- ture.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1908-9	242	230	4550	194	70090	146	1909	27694	244	517	107774	445'4
1908 ...	52	45	579	16	11070	24	188	6226	173	75	18396	353'7
Totals 1908-1909	294	275	5129	210	81160	170	2097	33920	417	592	126170	428'46

Comparative Tables of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Lea Bridge Library.

1908-9	...	242	169	1923	142	38881	79	975	19824	2714	248	64955	264'2
1907-8	...	247	72	1360	86	34825	56	629	20092	2395	298	59813	242'15
1906-7	...	191	27	400	73	16761	10	434	12762	1589	206	32262	168'91
Totals 1906-9		680	268	3683	301	90467	145	2038	52678	6698	752	157030	230'92

**TABLE IV.**  
**Percentages of Issues (Central).**

CLASS.	1907-8.	1903-9.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·92	·97
Science and Art ... ..	5·35	6·24
Sociology ... ..	·49	·65
Prose Fiction ... ..	55·26	54·01
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·43	·47
Biography, History, Voyages, and Travel	3·78	4·2
Juvenile Literature ... ..	24·79	23·94
Magazines ... ..	3 12	3·46
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	·76	·78
Reference Library ... ..	5·06	5·23

**Percentages of Issues (Leytonstone).**

	1907-8.	1908-9.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·24	·21
Biography ... ..		·02
Science and Art ... ..	3·14	4·22
Sociology ... ..	·08	·18
Prose Fiction ... ..	60·17	65·03
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·13	·13
History and Travel ... ..	1·02	1·74
Juvenile Literature ... ..	33 84	25·69
Magazines ... ..	·94	2·26
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	·40	·47

**Percentages of Issues (Lea Bridge).**

	1907-8.	1908-9.
Theology and Philosophy ... ..	·12	·26
Biography ... ..	·08	·03
Science and Art ... ..	2·27	2·96
Sociology .. ...	·14	·21
Prose Fiction ... ..	58·24	59·85
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama ...	·09	·12
History and Travel ... ..	·93	1·46
Juvenile Literature ... ..	33·6	30 51
Magazines ... ..	4	4·17
Miscellaneous Literature ... ..	·49	·38

**TABLE V.**  
**Borrower's Occupations, 1908-9.**

	Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Accountants ... ..	16	13	3
Agents and Collectors ... ..	12	19	13
Apprentices and Assistants ... ..	39	29	4
Architects and Surveyors ... ..	0	3	0
Artists and Designers ... ..	6	8	3
Auctioneers ... ..	1	1	0
Bailiff ... ..	0	0	1
Bakers and Confectioners ... ..	1	2	0
Barrister ... ..	1	0	0
Billposter ... ..	0	0	1
Bookbinders ... ..	3	3	1
Bootmakers ... ..	8	1	8
Brassfinisher ... ..	1	0	0
Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers	9	2	2
Brushmaker ... ..	0	0	1
Butchers ... ..	4	1	0
Cabinetmakers and Upholsterers ...	6	1	0
Carmen ... ..	2	3	0
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..	12	11	10
Chauffeurs ... ..	0	1	2
Chemists and Druggists ... ..	12	6	3
Civil Servants ... ..	20	17	4
Clerks, Bookkeepers, &c. ... ..	349	238	81
Coach and Wagon Makers ... ..	5	2	0
Contractor ... ..	1	0	0
Cycle Maker ... ..	1	0	0
Dental Surgeons ... ..	0	2	1
Domestic Servants ... ..	29	24	7
Drapers and Milliners ... ..	9	6	9

TABLE V.—*Continued.*

	Central-	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Dressmakers and Machinists ...	24	22	6
Electricians and Electric Workers...	5	4	6
Engineers, Fitters and Mechanics ...	47	26	20
Farriers ... ..	0	0	2
Footballers ... ..	3	0	0
French Polishers ... ..	2	0	0
Furriers ... ..	1	1	0
Gardeners and Florists ... ..	1	2	0
Gas Workers ... ..	0	0	3
Glass Polishers ... ..	2	0	0
Hairdressers ... ..	2	3	4
Ironfounders ... ..	0	2	0
Journalists ... ..	3	2	3
Ladder Maker ... ..	1	0	0
Laundrymen ... ..	3	2	0
Licensed Victuallers ... ..	0	1	3
Managers and Superintendents ...	9	9	1
Mariners ... ..	1	3	1
Merchants and Manufacturers ...	6	10	6
Messengers and Office Boys ...	9	12	3
Ministers and Clergy ... ..	4	4	0
Musicians ... ..	3	0	4
Nurses ... ..	5	3	0
Packers ... ..	0	2	0
Pedlar ... ..	0	0	1
Photographers ... ..	0	1	2
Physicians and Surgeons ... ..	5	1	2
Pianoforte Makers and Organ Builders ... ..	1	1	6
Picture-frame Makers ... ..	2	2	0
Plumbers, Decorators and Painters	16	11	9
Police Constables ... ..	4	0	1

TABLE V.—*Continued.*

				Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Porters and Attendants	...	...	...	7	0	0
Post Office Employés	...	...	...	15	12	7
Printers and Compositors	...	...	...	19	23	12
Railway Employés	...	...	...	30	6	1
Rule Makers	...	...	...	0	1	1
Salvation Army Officers	...	...	...	1	2	3
Scholars and Students	...	...	...	606	434	264
Schoolmasters, Mistresses and Teachers	...	...	...	80	61	31
Scientific Instrument Makers	...	...	...	0	0	2
Secretaries	...	...	...	0	2	1
Shopkeepers	...	...	...	26	31	27
Signwriters	...	...	...	1	0	2
Silk Workers	...	...	...	0	1	1
Soldier	...	...	...	1	0	0
Solicitor	...	...	...	1	0	0
Stewards, Waiters and Waitresses	...	...	...	5	6	1
Stockbroker	...	...	...	0	1	0
Tailors	...	...	...	0	3	3
Telegraphists	...	...	...	0	4	1
Telephone Operators	...	...	...	5	3	0
Tie Makers	...	...	...	0	1	3
Tinplate Worker	...	...	...	0	0	1
Tramway Employés	...	...	...	0	0	2
Travellers	...	...	...	35	25	15
Undertakers	...	...	...	0	2	0
Watchmakers and Jewellers	...	...	...	2	0	0
Warehousemen	...	...	...	22	15	7
Wire Workers	...	...	...	0	2	2
Woodcarvers	...	...	...	5	1	3
Not Stated	...	...	...	596	554	386
				<u>2163</u>	<u>1707</u>	<u>1013</u>

TABLE VI.

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**Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.**
**Central.**

Borrowers left the District ... ..	70
Tickets cancelled, expired, or not called for ...	1585
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**Leytonstone.**

Borrowers left the District ... ..	23
Tickets cancelled or not called for ... ..	152
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	175
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**Lea Bridge.**

Borrowers left the District ... ..	66
Tickets cancelled, expired, or not called for ...	563
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	629
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## SUMMARY—CENTRAL.

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Days the Library was open ... ..	242
Books issued ... ..	153054
Average daily issue ... ..	632.4
Largest daily issue, April 21st, 1908 ... ..	1053
Smallest daily issue, July 24th, 1908 ... ..	327
Average monthly issue ... ..	12754.5
Largest monthly issue, March, 1909 ... ..	16159
Smallest monthly issue, June, 1908 ... ..	6236
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	24859
Number of volumes added by purchase ...	471
„ „ „ gift ... ..	33
„ „ „ magazines bound ... ..	46
Total number added during the year ... ..	549
Withdrawn from circulation ... ..	19
Net increase ... ..	530
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1909 ... ..	25389
Books lost and paid for by borrowers ... ..	14
Books worn out and replaced ... ..	657
Notices posted for overdue books ... ..	691
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1908 ...	5650
Borrowers registered during the year ...	2163
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired ...	1655
Net increase ... ..	508
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1909 ... ..	6158

## SUMMARY—LEYTONSTONE.

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Days the Library was open ... ..	242
Books issued ... ..	107774
Average daily issue ... ..	445·3
Largest daily issue, April 21st, 1908 ... ..	849
Smallest daily issue, July 14th, 1908 ... ..	231
Average monthly issue ... ..	8981·1
Largest monthly issue, March, 1909 ... ..	11023
Smallest monthly issue, June, 1908 ... ..	4443
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	4438
Number of volumes added by purchase ... ..	292
„ „ „ gift ... ..	9
„ „ „ magazines bound ... ..	9
Total number added during the year ... ..	310
Withdrawn from circulation ... ..	3
Net increase ... ..	307
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1909 ... ..	4745
Books lost and paid for by borrowers ... ..	4
Books worn out and replaced ... ..	8
Notices posted for overdue books ... ..	351
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1908 ... ..	1523
Borrowers registered during year ... ..	1706
Borrowers' cards cancelled ... ..	175
Net increase ... ..	1531
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1909 ... ..	3054

## SUMMARY—LEA BRIDGE.

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Days the Library was open	...	...	...	242
Books issued	...	...	...	64955
Average daily issue	...	...	...	264·2
Largest daily issue, April 21st, 1908	...	...	...	578
Smallest daily issue, December 29th, 1908	...	...	...	140
Average monthly issue	...	...	...	5412·9
Largest monthly issue, March, 1909	...	...	...	6878
Smallest monthly issue, July, 1908	...	...	...	2787
Number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1908	...	...	...	4931
Number of volumes added by purchase	...	...	...	321
„ „ „ gift	...	...	...	3
„ „ „ magazines bound	...	...	...	20
Total number added during the year	...	...	...	344
Withdrawn from circulation	...	...	...	1
Net increase	...	...	...	343
Total number of volumes in the Library, March 31st, 1909	...	...	...	5274
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	...	...	...	3
Books worn out and replaced	...	...	...	20
Notices posted for overdue books	...	...	...	112
Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1908	...	...	...	1707
Borrowers registered during the year	1013	...	...	
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired	629	...	...	
Net increase	...	...	...	384
Total number of borrowers on Register, March 31st 1909	...	...	...	2091

## DONORS TO LIBRARIES, 1908-9.

	Vols.
Agent-General, Australian Commonwealth, London, E.C. ... ..	1
Alexander, Mr. E. R., "District Times," Leyton ... ..	4
Anglo-American Oil Co., 22, Billiter Street, E.C.	3
Assistant Superintendent of Emigration (Canada), 11 and 12, Charing Cross, London	1
Auctioneers' Institute of United Kingdom, 34, Russell Square, W.C. ... ..	1
Bird, Mr. James, 16, Church Hill, Waltham- stow ... ..	1
British and Foreign Unitarian Association, Essex Hall, Essex Street, W.C. ... ..	2
Christian Science Literature Distribution Com- mittee, 14, Hanover Square, W. ... ..	1
Church Emigration Society, Westminster (per Hon. Secretary) ... ..	1
Dowding, Mr. Councillor, Leyton ... ..	6 pieces of music.
Fells, Mr., London, E.C. ... ..	1
General Editor, Burlington House, Cambridge...	1
Grey, Lord, Government House, Ottawa, Canada	1
Griffiths, Mr. H., 17, Sunny Street, W. C. (author) ... ..	1
Grigg, Mr. W. J., 8, Ruckholt Road, Leyton ...	10
Hayes, Mr., Leytonstone ... ..	2
Hazelhurst, Mr. J., Queen's Chambers, Col- more Row, Birmingham (author) ... ..	1
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Area of the district ...	...	...	...	2,594 acres
Population (Estimated) ...	...	...	...	121,200
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	£501,162
Acts adopted ...	...	...	...	November, 1891
Librarian appointed ...	...	...	...	July, 1892
Lending Library opened ...	...	...	...	June, 1893
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opened ...	...	...	...	February, 1897
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Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened				May, 1898
„ „ „			closed	January, 1908
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„ „ „			closed	January, 1908
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# Librarian's Annual Report,

## 1909-1910.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Libraries  
Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to submit my Seventeenth Annual Report. As there has been no innovation or outside extension of our operations, the only matters to refer to are such as fall within the ordinary category of our work.

The number of books now in the Libraries totals 36,448, a net increase of 1,040 volumes. Of these additions, 1,189 have been purchased, 82 have been presented and 97 magazines have been bound up from stock, whilst 328 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation. Divided into Classes the stock is as follows :—

Theology and Philosophy	..	..	..	1,245
Science and Art	..	..	..	3,122
Sociology	..	..	..	785
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	..	..	583	
Biography, History, Travels	..	..	4,199	
Prose Fiction	..	..	..	13,431
Juvenile Literature	..	..	..	5,157
Miscellaneous Literature	..	..	..	909
Magazines	..	..	..	663
Reference Library	..	..	..	6,354
				36,448

The issues of books for the year number 309,314, divided as follows :—

Central	..	..	..	..	152,519
Lea Bridge	..	..	..	..	57,770
Leytonstone	..	..	..	..	99,025

Comparing these figures with those for the previous year they represent a decreased issue of 16,469 books.

This decrease may be accounted for in several ways. In the first place, two Easters fell within the year, which materially affected the output, then the limitation of the issue of Juvenile books to three days has accounted for several thousands of the decrease ; and I may say here that there are good grounds to believe that the limitation has had a salutary effect upon the reading habits of our young readers, and a further limitation would doubtless conduce to a still greater improvement. A considerable falling off is also due to the turmoil of the General Election. But there is still a further reason ; and that is the opening of a number of Skating-rinks and Picture-palaces. When one considers how much concerts, theatres and even music-halls have suffered, owing to the attraction of these new forms of amusement, it is surprising that such institutions as Public-libraries have been patronized to so large an extent.

A short analysis of the figures quoted above may be interesting as showing in some degree the variation in the taste of the readers, and perhaps to further explain the diminished circulation. At the Central Library the decrease is only 535 volumes, with a higher average issue of five volumes per day, so that, had the Library been open the same number of days as in 1908-9 the issues from the parent institution would have been greater than during the previous year.

At the Lea Bridge Library the decreased issue is 7,185 volumes or nearly 24 per day, and at Leytonstone Library it numbers 8,749 volumes or 33 per day.

Taking the issues in Classes, the Central has increases in Theology, Sociology, History and Miscellaneous literature, and the large number of 3,000 in works of Fiction, whilst Science, Poetry and Magazines show a decline. On the other hand, whereas the issue of works of Fiction from the Branch Libraries has shrunk by 5,000 volumes, the higher classes of literature show an increase, Science being 300 and Sociology 100 higher at Leytonstone, and at Lea Bridge the circulation of historical works is 200 more than in the previous year.

The popularity of the Reading Rooms has been fully sustained ; the number of readers who have visited these departments being nearly half-a-million. Lea Bridge takes the lead with 174,893, the Central follows with 164,450 and Leytonstone with 160,037. Thus the total number of readers in all departments has been 808,694.

For a long time the need for extension at the Central Library has been acute ; the Council has, however, now given its approval to a scheme which will afford us storage for an additional six or seven thousand books, and at the same time give more room for the public and considerably add to their comfort.

It is again my pleasure to place on record my appreciation of, and our thanks to the editors and proprietors of our local newspapers, who week by week, have so courteously included in the columns of their journals, lists of additions to the Libraries.

I also wish to express my indebtedness to the members of my staff, all of whom have carried out their duties cheerfully and zealously.

Nor can I conclude without again tendering my thanks to the Chairman and Members of this Committee for their courtesy towards myself, and the assistance they have kindly rendered me throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) Z. MOON,

*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

## Number and Classification of Volumes in the Libraries.

Theology and Philosophy	..	..	..	1,245
Science and Art..	..	..	..	3,122
Sociology	..	..	..	785
Prose Fiction	..	..	..	13,431
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama	..	..		583
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Juvenile Literature	..	..	..	5,157
Magazines	..	..	..	663
Miscellaneous Literature	..	..	..	909
Reference Libraries	..	..	..	6,354
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				36,448
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TABLE II.

Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1909-10.  
Central.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Phil-osophy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Bio-graphy, and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Maga-zines.	Miscella-neous Litera-ture.	Reference Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April,	19	160	809	70	7822	59	607	3486	393	109	646	14161	745·3
May	21	124	755	86	7626	54	528	3225	315	123	557	13393	637·7
* June	13	55	347	44	3835	18	306	1545	163	35	395	6743	518·6
July	20	91	643	79	5688	52	438	2044	255	94	550	9934	496·7
August	21	102	661	77	6174	38	431	2073	263	87	494	10400	495·2
September	21	130	747	95	7223	46	511	2392	341	120	804	12409	590·9
October	22	138	882	111	8185	74	601	2952	396	125	911	14375	653·4
November	22	170	821	138	7908	65	669	3482	520	141	832	14746	670·2
December	20	147	698	100	7147	55	618	3273	508	170	637	13353	667·6
January,	22	177	697	111	7889	61	619	3437	502	133	617	14243	647·4
February	20	129	786	99	7835	55	700	3419	509	164	730	14426	721·3
March	19	159	733	82	7884	56	711	3517	511	138	545	14336	754·5
Totals 1909-10	240	1582	8579	1092	85216	633	6739	34845	4676	1439	7718	152519	635·4

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—continued.

## Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1909-10.

Lea Bridge.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Bio-graphy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Maga-zines.	Miscel-laneous Litera-ture.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1909..	19	15	2	123	19	3441	8	111	1826	161	30	5736	301·8
May ..	21	14	2	78	18	3237	9	92	1523	151	12	5136	244·5
*June ..	13	5	2	40	3	1552	1	47	741	73	7	2471	190
July ..	20	5	8	64	8	2210	8	39	945	118	8	3413	170·6
August ..	21	14	6	77	13	2583	7	87	1007	138	13	3945	187·8
September ..	21	14	6	126	18	3266	6	104	1175	149	23	4887	232·7
October ..	22	19	15	143	11	3621	22	122	1124	154	25	5256	238·9
November ..	22	18	6	167	10	3584	13	143	1435	162	26	5564	252·9
December ..	20	16	2	155	17	2984	6	108	1340	161	19	4808	240·4
January, 1910..	22	15	5	208	15	3286	6	88	1538	155	27	5343	242·8
February ..	20	15	5	194	23	3384	2	116	1697	157	24	5617	280·8
March ..	19	13	4	188	10	3353	7	105	1719	165	30	5594	294·4
Totals 1909-10 ..	240	163	63	1563	165	36501	95	1162	16070	1744	244	57770	240·7

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE II.—continued.

## Return of Issues with Monthly Tables and Daily Averages, 1909-10.

## Leytonstone.

Month.	Days Open.	Theology and Philology.	Bio-graphy.	Science and Art.	Sociology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Totals.	Daily Average.
April, 1909..	19	16	5	400	23	6421	9	169	2443	234	53	9773	514.3
May " "	21	17	4	382	22	6179	10	147	2190	138	37	9126	434.5
* June " "	13	12	3	165	7	3100	5	66	1088	72	20	4538	349
July " "	20	20	7	320	21	4450	9	70	1447	123	32	6499	324.9
August " "	21	22	5	327	29	5016	6	118	1391	142	38	7094	337.8
September " "	21	12	12	436	19	6025	14	183	1577	188	39	8505	405
October " "	22	28	14	486	28	6376	24	198	1906	243	57	9360	425.4
November " "	22	29	11	508	25	6366	22	205	1890	255	51	9362	425.5
December " "	20	29	16	423	27	5601	20	178	1691	227	33	8245	412.2
January, 1910..	22	24	10	485	33	6180	16	170	2008	256	9	9191	417.7
February " "	20	11	12	473	31	5779	23	161	1973	233	29	8725	436.2
March " "	19	9	8	430	33	5841	21	135	1899	197	34	8607	453
Totals 1909-10 ..	240	229	107	4835	298	67334	179	1800	21503	2308	432	99025	412.6

\* Closed for Stock-taking.

TABLE III.  
Comparative Table of Issues for each year since the Opening of the Central Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philoso-phy.	Science and Art.	Soci-ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and the Drama.	History, Biogra-phy and Travel.	Juvenile Litera-ture.	Maga-zines.	Miscel-laneous Litera-ture.	Refer-ence Library.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1900-10	..	1582	8579	1092	85216	633	6739	34845	4676	1439	7718	152519	635.4
1908-9	..	1485	9560	1005	82665	729	6441	36655	5306	1200	8008	153054	632.4
1907-8	..	1516	8821	822	91060	710	6240	40853	5149	1254	8347	164772	667
1906-7	..	1510	7808	869	94633	801	5894	40798	4553	1798	6947	165611	687.18
1905-6	..	1609	9012	1007	108942	864	7009	49571	5078	1788	7752	192632	792.72
1904-5	..	1476	8936	943	99928	787	6114	45175	4985	1837	8961	179142	731.19
1903-4	..	1814	10264	1216	99109	851	6952	48942	6625	2311	11114	189198	772.23
1902-3	..	1857	11487	1128	97693	645	7575	47176	6410	2242	10185	186398	736.25
1901-2	..	1829	10301	840	90540	842	7014	39372	4783	1833	8882	166236	684.1
1900-1	..	1552	10122	898	90982	786	7591	36792	3807	1681	9394	163605	676.05
1899-1900	..	1660	9112	672	86453	768	6871	32194	3938	1525	5788	148981	608.08
1898-9	..	1877	9450	662	93357	851	7458	37841	3896	1683	3580	160655	661.13
1897-8	..	1866	9768	806	99070	833	8381	45857	3319	1488	3016	174404	686.62
*1896-7	..	409	2250	134	54380	210	3090	12508	1270	247	762	75260	415.80
1895-6	..	600	4153	215	77822	490	4253	17479	—	2940	—	107952	440.62
1894-5	..	679	4067	143	87426	659	5617	21145	—	995	—	120731	494.79
1893-4	..	320	1122	56	76614	748	5864	20237	—	302	—	105263	414.42
Totals 1893-1910	4107	23641	134812	12508	1515890	12207	109103	607440	63795	26563	100454	2606413	634.6

\* Closed for Alterations.

TABLE III.—*continued.*

## Table of Issues since the Opening of the Lea Bridge Library.

Year.	Days Open.	Theology and Philosophy.	Bio- graphy.	Science and Art.	Soci- ology.	Prose Fiction.	Classics, Poetry, and Drama.	History and Travel.	Juvenile Literature.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Totals.	Daily Average.
1909-10 ..	240	163	63	1563	165	36501	95	1162	16070	1744	244	57770	240.7
1908-9 ..	242	169	21	1923	142	38881	79	954	19824	2714	248	64955	268.4
1907-8 ..	247	72	48	1360	86	34825	56	557	20092	2395	298	59789	242
1906-7 ..	191	27	51	400	73	16761	10	383	12762	1589	206	32262	168.9
Totals 1906-10..	920	431	183	5246	466	126968	240	3056	68748	8442	996	214776	233.4

## Table of Issues since the Opening of the Leytonstone Library.

1909-10 ..	240	229	107	4835	298	67334	179	1800	21503	2308	432	99025	412.6
1908-9 ..	242	230	29	4550	194	70090	146	1880	27694	2444	517	107774	445.3
1908 ..	52	45	—	579	16	11070	24	188	6226	173	75	18396	353.7
Totals 1908-10..	534	504	136	9964	508	148494	349	3868	55423	4925	1024	225195	421.7

**TABLE IV.**  
Percentages of Issues (Central).

CLASS.	1908-9.	1909-10.
Theology and Philosophy .. .. .	·97	1·03
Science and Art .. .. .	6·24	5·62
Sociology .. .. .	·65	·71
Prose Fiction .. .. .	54·01	55·87
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama .. .. .	·47	·41
Biography, History, Voyages, and Travel .. .. .	4·2	4·41
Juvenile Literature .. .. .	23·94	22·84
Magazines .. .. .	3·46	3·06
Miscellaneous Literature .. .. .	·78	·94
Reference Library .. .. .	5·23	5·06

Percentages of Issues (Lea Bridge).

	1908-9.	1909-10.
Theology and Philosophy .. .. .	·26	·28
Biography .. .. .	·03	·10
Science and Art .. .. .	2·96	2·90
Sociology .. .. .	·21	·28
Prose Fiction .. .. .	59·85	63·18
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama .. .. .	·12	·16
History and Travel .. .. .	1·46	2·01
Juvenile Literature .. .. .	30·51	27·81
Magazines .. .. .	4·17	3·01
Miscellaneous Literature .. .. .	·38	·42

Percentages of Issues (Leytonstone).

	1908-9.	1909-10.
Theology and Philosophy .. .. .	·21	·23
Biography .. .. .	·02	·1
Science and Art .. .. .	4·22	4·88
Sociology .. .. .	·18	·3
Prose Fiction .. .. .	65·03	67·99
Poetry, Classics, and the Drama .. .. .	·13	·18
History and Travel .. .. .	1·74	1·81
Juvenile Literature .. .. .	25·69	21·71
Magazines .. .. .	2·26	2·33
Miscellaneous Literature .. .. .	·47	·43

TABLE V.

## Borrowers' Occupations, 1909-10.

	Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Accountants .. .. .	5	7	8
Agents and Collectors .. ..	16	17	14
Apprentices and Assistants .. ..	39	32	16
Architects and Surveyors .. ..	3	1	0
Army Officer .. .. .	1	0	0
Artists and Designers .. ..	14	8	6
Bailiff .. .. .	1	0	0
Bakers and Confectioners .. ..	10	6	0
Bill Poster .. .. .	1	0	0
Blacksmith .. .. .	0	0	1
Bookbinders .. .. .	4	0	0
Bootmakers .. .. .	2	0	7
Boxmakers .. .. .	0	1	1
Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers	3	6	4
Brushmaker .. .. .	1	0	0
Builders and Contractors .. ..	4	6	8
Butchers .. .. .	2	1	0
Cabinetmakers and Upholsterers ..	0	2	1
Carman .. .. .	1	0	0
Carpenters and Joiners .. ..	19	3	9
Chauffeurs .. .. .	1	1	7
Chef .. .. .	1	0	0
Chemists and Dispensers .. ..	8	3	0
Chimneysweep .. .. .	1	0	0
Cigarette Maker .. .. .	0	1	0
Civil Servants.. .. .	22	19	0
Clerks, Bookkeepers, &c. .. ..	280	197	107
Coach and Wagon Builders .. ..	5	2	0
Coachman .. .. .	0	0	1
Deaconess .. .. .	0	1	0
Domestic Servants .. .. .	18	25	8

TABLE V.—*continued.*

				Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Drapers and Milliners	..	..		6	13	0
Dressmakers and Machinists	..			37	25	13
Dyers and Cleaners	..	..	..	0	2	0
Electricians and Electrical Workers				7	3	6
Engineers, Fitters and Mechanics	..			39	21	19
French Polishers	..	..	..	0	1	2
Furriers	..	..	..	1	1	1
Gardeners	..	..	..	2	1	3
Gas Worker	..	..	..	0	1	0
Gunsmith	..	..	..	1	0	0
Hairdresser	..	..	..	1	0	0
Ironworkers	..	..	..	10	3	0
Ivory Workers	..	..	..	3	0	0
Journalists	..	..	..	5	1	0
Lamplighter	..	..	..	1	0	0
Laundrymen	..	..	..	0	2	4
Lecturer	..	..	..	0	0	1
Lithographer	..	..	..	0	1	0
Managers and Superintendents	..			14	17	2
Mariners	..	..	..	1	1	0
Merchants and Manufacturers	..			4	9	1
Messenger and Office Boys	..	..		19	9	6
Ministers and Clergy	..	..		7	5	1
Mosaic and Parquet Worker	..			0	0	1
Musicians	..	..	..	4	3	1
Nurses	..	..	..	4	6	1
Omnibus Inspector	..	..	..	0	0	1
Optician	..	..	..	1	0	0
Packers	..	..	..	0	1	5
Pattern Makers	..	..	..	0	2	0
Photographers	..	..	..	0	3	3
Physicians and Surgeons	..	..		1	2	1
Pianoforte Makers and Tuners	..			3	1	2
Picture-frame Maker	..	..		0	1	0

TABLE V.—*continued.*

	Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Plumbers, Decorators and Painters..	10	10	2
Police Officers.. ..	2	0	0
Porters and Attendants .. ..	7	5	3
Post Office Employés .. ..	5	6	6
Printers and Compositors .. ..	17	10	11
Printer's Reader .. ..	0	1	0
Railway Employés .. ..	23	2	1
Relieving Officer .. ..	1	0	0
Salvation Army Officers .. ..	0	1	2
Scholars and Students .. ..	578	332	240
Schoolmasters, Mistresses and Teachers	80	59	26
Secretaries and Registrars .. ..	8	5	3
Shipbuilders .. ..	2	0	0
Shopkeepers and Salesmen .. ..	29	14	20
Signwriters .. ..	2	0	0
Soapmakers .. ..	1	1	0
Soldier .. ..	1	0	0
Solicitors .. ..	2	0	1
Stenographers and Typists .. ..	14	1	1
Stewards, Waiters and Waitresses ..	6	2	2
Stockbrokers .. ..	0	4	0
Stone Pavior .. ..	0	0	1
Tailors and Cutters .. ..	3	10	0
Tea Buyer .. ..	0	1	0
Telegraphist .. ..	0	1	0
Telephone Operators .. ..	7	2	2
Tie Makers .. ..	0	2	0
Tramway Employés .. ..	0	0	5
Travellers .. ..	19	28	15
Umbrella Maker .. ..	0	0	1
Undertaker .. ..	0	1	0
Warehousemen .. ..	11	12	9
Watchmakers and Jewellers .. ..	2	2	3
Whip and Harness Makers .. ..	2	1	1



TABLE VI.

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**Tickets withdrawn or cancelled during the year.**
**Central.**

Borrowers left the District..	..	..	..	77
Tickets cancelled, expired, or not called for	..			2,430
				<u>2,507</u>

**Lea Bridge.**

Borrowers left the District..	..	..	..	80
Tickets cancelled, expired, or not called for	..			799
				<u>879</u>

**Leytonstone.**

Borrowers left the District..	..	..	..	24
Tickets cancelled, expired, or not called for	..			1,629
				<u>1,653</u>

## SUMMARIES.

	Central.	Leytonstone.	Lea Bridge.
Days the Libraries were open..	240	240	240
Books issued .. ..	152,519	99,025	57,770
Average daily issue .. ..	635·4	412·6	240·7
Largest daily issue, April 13th, 1909 .. .. .	1,200	818	—
Largest daily issue, April 8th, 1909 .. .. .	—	—	516
Smallest daily issue, August 10th, 1909 .. ..	348	—	—
Smallest daily issue, July 6th, 1909 .. .. .	—	182	111
Average monthly issue ..	12,709·9	8,252	4,814·1
Largest monthly issue, November 1909 .. .. .	14,746	—	—
Largest monthly issue, April, 1909 .. .. .	—	9,773	5,736
Smallest monthly issue, June, 1909 .. .. .	6,743	4,538	2,471
Books lost and paid for by Borrowers .. ..	4	7	2
Books worn out and replaced..	629	37	62
Notices posted for overdue books .. .. .	662	482	96
Borrowers on the Register, March 31st, 1909 .. ..	4,546	3,054	1,614
Borrowers registered during the year .. .. .	1,990	1,495	884
Borrowers' cards cancelled or expired .. .. .	2,508	1,653	879
Decrease .. .. .	518	158	—
Increase .. .. .	—	—	5
Total number of Borrowers on Register, March 31st, 1910	4,028	2,896	1,619

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Area of the District	..	..	..	..	2,594 acres.
Population (Estimated)	..	..	..	..	121,200
Rateable Value..	..	..	..	..	{ £511,328 10s. April 19th, 1910.
Acts adopted	..	..	..	..	November, 1891.
Librarian appointed	..	..	..	..	July, 1892.
Lending Library opened	..	..	..	..	June, 1893.
Reference Library and Reading Room opened					February, 1897.
Children's Library opened	..	..	..	..	March, 1897.
Branch Reading Room, Cann Hall, opened..					May, 1898.
„	„	„	„	closed	.. January, 1908.
Book Delivery Station	„	„	„	opened..	February, 1899.
„	„	„	„	closed	.. January, 1908.
„	„	„	„	Leytonstone opened	.. December, 1899.
„	„	„	„	closed	.. June, 1901.
Lea Bridge (Carnegie) Library opened	..	..	..	..	April, 1906.
Leytonstone (Carnegie) Library opened	..	..	..	..	January, 1908.

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